

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5937
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL 2018

Facilities under PMBJP

5937. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any information on the number of people who have accessed the facilities provided under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the authority for determining the quality of generic medicines that is being supplied under the scheme; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to extend the distribution network of generic medicines in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS;
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

(a) & (b) No Madam.

(c) Under 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP), medicines are procured from more than 150 private drug manufacturers which are World Health Organization (WHO) – Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Compliant, for ensuring quality of the medicines. A few of medicines are procured from Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings. After procurement, each batch of medicines is tested at 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories' (NABL) accredited laboratories empanelled by Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) (the implementing agency of PMBJP). Only after passing the quality tests, the medicines are dispatched to PMBJP Kendras.

(d) Under PMBJP, and 1 Central Ware House (CWH) has been established at Gurugram, Haryana as well as 53 Distributors and 8 Carrying & Forwarding (C&F) Agents have also been appointed by BPPI in different parts of the country to supply medicines to PMBJP Kendras across the country. Recently, an end-to-end supply chain system has also been introduced for making available full range of medicines from CWH to PMBJP Kendras directly to save time and cost.
