

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 689
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana

689. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) the percentage of medical expenses in rural and urban areas spent on medicines;
- (b) the performance of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) scheme so far in providing generic drugs to poor people in the country;
- (c) whether the number of Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) are adequate as compared to the large network of private pharmacies;
- (d) whether there is adequate stock/availability of medicines and sales in the JAS stores across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to give licence to private pharmacies and online retailers such as Amazon and Flipkart to sell PMBJP medicines in order to enlarge the distribution network?

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) As on 31.01.2018, 3,096 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' are functional in 33 States / Union Territories of the country covering rural and urban areas of the country. However, the information regarding percentage of medical expenses spent on medicines in rural and urban areas, is not maintained.
- (b) As on 31.01.2018, 3,096 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' are functional in 33 States / Union Territories of the country. This has resulted in substantial savings to poor people in the area of healthcare. An illustrative list comparing the prices of generic medicines under PMBJP and branded medicines is as under:

S. No.	Medicine Name	Average Market Price of top three branded medicines (Rs.)	PMBJP's Price (Rs.)	% Savings
1	Amlodipine 5mg 10 Tablets	20	3.24	83.80
2	Atenolol 50 mg 14 Tablets	22	5.56	74.72
3	Clomiphene Citrate 50 mg 10 Tablets	85.10	15.04	82.32
4	Losartan 25 mg 10 Tablets	26	5.74	77.92
5	Metoprolol 50 mg 10 Tablets	53	5.95	88.77

- (c) As on 31.01.2018, 3,096 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' are functional in 33 States / Union Territories of the country. The Government approves all the eligible applications which are received for opening of PMBJP Kendras.
- (d) Presently, the product basket of the scheme covers more than 700 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables covering all major therapeutic groups. As on 31.01.2018, 648 medicines and 79 surgicals & consumables are presently available in Central Ware House (CWH) of Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) (the implementing agency of PMBJP) for supplying to PMBJP Kendras across the country. As on 31.01.2018, cumulative primary sales of the scheme has crossed Rupees 106 Crores at Maximum Retail Price (MRP) terms in the current financial year.
- (e) No Madam.
