

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †1128
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2018**

Jan Aushadhi Kendras

**†1128. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:**

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

- (a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened by the Government since 2015 till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any difference in the availability of generally used medicines and generic medicines at the Jan Aushadhi Stores and if so, the details thereof along with the effective steps taken to improve the condition of such Kendras;
- (c) whether there is shortage/low sale of most of the generic medicines prescribed especially by the Government hospitals at sales counters opened throughout the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for prescribing generic medicines to the patients by the doctors and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding violation of these guidelines by any State, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the efforts being made by the Government to make people aware of generic medicines and Jan Aushadhi Kendras along with the action plan of the Government to extend the network of such Kendras and range of generic medicines made available therein across 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) Since 01.01.2015 to 19.07.2018, 3771 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' opened in 34 States/Union Territories of the country. State/UT-wise details of 3771 PMBJP Kendras are annexed.

- (b) Presently, more than 700 medicines and 154 surgical and consumables are available in the product basket of PMBJP. The Government is planning to extend the product basket of the scheme to have more than 1000 medicines.
- (c) Presently, more than 700 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables are available in the product basket of PMBJP. As per the product basket, Government endeavors to make available full range of medicines to all PMBJP Kendras functioning across the country. The data regarding shortage of generic medicines prescribed by the Government Hospitals is not maintained. To maintain the continuous supply of medicines, surgicals and consumables to all PMBJP Kendras functioning across the country, 53 Distributors and 8 Carrying & Forwarding (C&F) Agents have been appointed in different parts of the country. An end-to-end supply chain system has recently been introduced for making available full range of medicines directly from CWH to PMBJP Kendras to save time and cost.
- (d) As per the Gazette Notification issued on 21.09.2016 by Medical Council of India (MCI), every physician should prescribe drugs with generic names legibly and preferably in capital letters and he / she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs.
- (e) No such data is maintained.
- (f) Government has initiated various publicity campaigns for spreading awareness on provisioning of generic medicines through PMBJP Kendras by way of hoardings, bulk SMS, mobile exhibitions, social media, print media, television, FM Radio, distribution of brochure, price comparison, pamphlets, etc. In this regard, Conferences/Seminars/Workshops are also being organized regularly by the Government in different parts of the country. As per the action plan of the scheme, Government is fixing year-wise targets since 2016-17 for opening PMBJP Kendras across the country.

Statement referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 1128 for 24.07.2018 raised by Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Shri Nagar Rodmal, Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane, Shri Arvind Sawant and Shri Manshankar Ninama regarding 'Jan Aushadhi Kendras'

State/UT-wise PMBJP Kendras opened from 01.01.2015 to 19.07.2018		
S. No.	State/UT	Number of PMBJP Kendras
1	Andhra Pradesh	145
2	Arunachal Pradesh	24
3	Assam	64
4	Bihar	124
5	Chandigarh	2
6	Chhattisgarh	202
7	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	10
8	Daman & Diu	3
9	Delhi	45
10	Goa	1
11	Gujarat	335
12	Haryana	89
13	Himachal Pradesh	27
14	Jammu and Kashmir	31
15	Jharkhand	37
16	Karnataka	336
17	Kerala	352
18	Madhya Pradesh	90
19	Maharashtra	252
20	Manipur	35
21	Meghalaya	1
22	Mizoram	9
23	Nagaland	14
24	Odisha	72
25	Puducherry	13
26	Punjab	74
27	Rajasthan	101
28	Sikkim	2
29	Tamil Nadu	334
30	Telangana	84
31	Tripura	19
32	Uttar Pradesh	670
33	Uttarakhand	107
34	West Bengal	67
Grand Total		3771