

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. †*20
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana

**†*20. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has not been able to achieve the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the action taken to open at least five PMBJP Kendras in the constituency of each Member of Lok Sabha; and
- (d) the details of the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY
OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA
GOWDA)**

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. †*20 for 11.12.2018 raised by Shri Harishchandra Chavan and Shrimati Rama Devi regarding Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana

(a) & (b) No Madam. The Government has been able to achieve the objectives of 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP) in full measures. As per Budget Speech of Hon'ble Finance Minister in Parliament in the year 2016-17, a target of opening of 3,000 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' was set. The target of opening of 3,000 PMBJP Kendras was achieved in December 2017. As on 04.12.2018, 4522 PMBJP Kendras are functional in 35 States/Union Territories of the country.

(c) All the Members of Parliament have been requested in writing by Hon'ble Minister (Chemicals & Fertilizers) and Hon'ble Minister of State (Chemicals & Fertilizers) to carry the benefits of PMBJP in their constituencies by opening more and more PMBJP Kendras. Letters have also been written to Health Secretaries of all States/Union Territories in this regard by the Department of Pharmaceuticals. However, no such decision has been taken by the Government to open at least five PMBJP Kendras in the constituency of each Member of Lok Sabha.

(d) Only 99 PMBJP Kendras were functional in 16 States/Union Territories of the country at the end of May 2014. The product basket of PMBJP at that time contained only 131 medicines. The cumulative sales of medicines from the launch of scheme in 2008 till the end of financial year 2013-14 was only Rs. 15.14 Crores. As on 04.12.2018, the number of functional PMBJP Kendras has increased to 4522. The PMBJP Kendras are now present in 35 States/Union Territories. The product basket of PMBJP has expanded to cover more than 800 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables. The cumulative sales from financial year 2014-15 till date has reached Rs. 340.15 Crores. As can be seen from the preceding figures, the Government has been successful in increasing by a great extent not only the number of stores but also in expanding considerably the product basket. The huge increase in sales reflects the increasing acceptance of PMBJP medicines by the citizens.
