

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1765
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd JULY, 2019

Opening of PMJAKs

1765. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

- (a) the status of the Government's proposal to open several Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMJAKs) by March, 2017 to promote unbranded quality generic medicines in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open such Jan Aushadhi Kendras in every block and Gram Panchayat; and
- (c) if so, the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred and the time-line drawn for the purpose?

ANSWER

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

(a) Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), dedicated retail outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are opened to make available for sale quality generic medicines at very affordable prices. The initial target was to open 3000 PMBJKs by end of financial year 2017-18. This target was achieved in December, 2017. The revised target of 5000 PMBJKs was also achieved in February, 2019.

(b) & (c) Opening of PMBJKs in a particular Block or a Gram Panchayat depends on receipt of applications from interested entrepreneurs and availability of pharmacists in that location. The three-year plan of PMBJP made in Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Note envisaged that 1000 PMBJKs will be opened in each financial year. i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. The targets for opening 1000 PMBJKs during 2017-18, 2018-19 have already been achieved by the Government. This Scheme is approved upto March, 2020. The budget allocation for PMBJP for the financial year 2019-20 is Rs. 41.99 crores. As on 28.06.2019, 248 new PMBJKs have been opened in the financial year 2019-2020. The endeavour of the Government is to open new PMBJKs in henceforth unserved geographical locations.
