

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 538
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th December, 2022

Jan Aushadhi Kendras under PMBJP

**538. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set a target to open a large number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), by March 2025 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras set up in the country so far under PMBJP, State/UT-wise including Punjab;
- (c) whether there is any difference in the quality of medicines being supplied through Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) as compared to other standard medicine sale outlets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of any proposal for enhancement of the limit of store owner's incentives from the present limit along with reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) and (b): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) implemented by the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), a registered society under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, till 30.11.2022, about 8916 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country. Out of this, 310 Kendras have been opened in the state of Punjab. The government has set a target to open 10,500 PMBJKs by March 2025 across the country. State/Union Territory- wise list of PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): Under the scheme, high quality generic medicines procured from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified manufacturers only are sold. Further, every batch of each drug is tested at laboratories accredited by 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and only after passing the quality tests, the medicines are dispatched to PMBJP Kendras

(e): The incentive provided to the Kendra owners under the scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 2.50 lakh to up to Rs. 5.00 lakh to be given @ 15% of monthly purchases made, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month. Further, one-time additional incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh (as reimbursement for IT & infrastructure expenditure) is provided to the PMBJP Kendras opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and backward areas mentioned as aspirational district by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneur, Divyang and SC & ST. There is no proposal presently for enhancing the incentive.

Annexure

Statement referred to in part (a) and (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 538 for answer on 09.12.2022 raised by SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU, SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras under PMBJP

State/UT-wise list of PMBJK's opened across the country till 30.11.2022		
Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of PMBJK opened
1	Andaman & Nicobar	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	142
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29
4	Assam	105
5	Bihar	341
6	Chandigarh	8
7	Chhattisgarh	199
8	Delhi	383
9	Goa	11
10	Gujarat	513
11	Haryana	221
12	Himachal Pradesh	60
13	Jammu and Kashmir	216
14	Jharkhand	81
15	Karnataka	1010
16	Kerala	974
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	269
20	Maharashtra	634
21	Manipur	35
22	Meghalaya	16
23	Mizoram	12
24	Nagaland	19
25	Odisha	371
26	Puducherry	20
27	Punjab	310
28	Rajasthan	142
29	Sikkim	3
30	Tamil Nadu	842
31	Telangana	175
32	DNH & D&D	35
33	Tripura	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	1259
35	Uttarakhand	223
36	West Bengal	222
Grand Total		8916

* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of UT of Lakshadweep
