

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1473
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th February, 2023

Sale of Low-Cost Generic Drugs

1473. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to promote the sale of low-cost generic drugs and ensure the benefit reach directly to the people across the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to promote sale of low-cost generic drugs and ensure the benefit to the people across the country, the Government has launched '*Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP)'. As on 31.02.2023, about 9,082 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened all across the country. The product basket of PMBJP presently comprises of 1,759 medicines and 280 surgical devices. In order to expand the reach, the implementing agency of the scheme, viz., Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) has recently invited online applications from 651 districts of the country with less number of kendras.
