

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

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION No. 31  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023

**Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Kendra**

†\*31. **SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) the date on which the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched and the selection process involved thereunder;
- (b) whether any criteria has been fixed for the beneficiaries of the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of beneficiaries in the country who benefited from the start of the scheme till December 2022, State and year-wise; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries under the said scheme in Rajasthan, district and year-wise from 2019-20 to 2023-24 and the amount of benefit provided thereunder?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(Dr. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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- (a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to the LOK SABHA STARRED Q.NO. 31 (11<sup>th</sup> POSITION) for answer on 21.07.2023 raised by SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY regarding Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Kendra**

With a view to make quality generic medicines at affordable prices available to all, '*Jan Aushadhi Scheme*' was launched by the Government in November, 2008 with a target to open at least one Jan Aushadhi Kendra in every district of the country. About 80 Kendras were opened in the country till 2014-15. During 2015-16, the scheme was revamped and relaunched as '*Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana*' (PMBJP) with a target to set up 3,000 Kendras in the country. The said target was achieved in December, 2017. Till 30.06.2023, more than 9,500 Kendras have been opened all across the country.

The scheme is implemented by Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), a society under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals. The scheme is operated on entrepreneurship-based model in which a beneficiary (entrepreneur) fulfilling the following criteria can apply online through PMBI's website, viz., [www.janaushadhi.gov.in](http://www.janaushadhi.gov.in):

- (i) D. Pharma/B. Pharma degree holder himself or any individual/organization who has employed D. Pharma/B. Pharma degree holder;
- (ii) Minimum 120 sq. ft. space
- (iii) Registration of the Pharmacist with State Pharmacy Council; and
- (iv) Certificate/undertakings, as required, by the applicants under category of women entrepreneurs, divyang, SC and ST.

As per estimates, about 10- 12 lakhs people buy medicines on an average daily basis from Jan Aushadhi Kendras all across the country. State/UT-wise and district-wise data has, however, not been exactly quantified.

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