

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1579
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July, 2023

Use of Indigenously Manufactured Drugs

†1579. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the use of indigenously manufactured drugs and medicines and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified such places where there is actual shortage of indigenous generic medicines and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras to ensure availability of indigenous generic medicines in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): In order to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all citizens, especially the poor and the deprived ones, *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) has been launched.

(b): No specific area with substantial shortage of indigenous generic medicines has been identified. On receipt of any complaint about shortage of any medicine, National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the Department of Pharmaceuticals takes remedial steps for ensuring availability of drugs by impressing upon companies concerned to rush the stocks to the places of shortage.

(c) to (e): As on 30.06.2023, about 9,512 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened. A target to open 10,000 PMBJKs by March, 2024 across the country has been kept. Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of the scheme has invited online applications for opening of *Kendras* in 651 districts of the country.
