

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2606
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th August, 2023

Products under PMBJAKs

2606. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has details of the product basket of PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJAKs);
- (b) the details of the drugs, surgical instruments and products like protein powders which are provided through the said schemes in the last nine years to till date, State-wise;
- (c) whether medicines have been supplied under PMBJAKs in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is shortage in supply of medicines due to which individuals/companies have made request to the Government to give permission to the applications for regional centres in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): With an objective 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 by the Department of Pharmaceuticals. wherein about 9,668 dedicated outlets known as *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened till 31.07.2023. The Scheme is implemented through Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), a society under the aegis of the department. The product basket of PMBJP presently comprises about 1,800 medicines and 285 surgical devices covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anit-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, etc. In addition to this, various nutraceutical products like Protein Powder, Malt-based Food Supplements, etc. and some AYUSH products as Immunity boosters have been added to the product basket. The detailed product portfolio is available at PMBI's website, viz., www.janaushadhi.gov.in. The financial year- wise growth in product basket of medicines and surgical products are as under:

Financial Year	Number of Medicines	Number of Surgical items	Total
2014-2015	361	--	361
2015-2016	361	--	361
2016-2017	400	88	488
2017-2018	600	154	600
2018-2019	800	154	700
2019-2020	900	154	1054
2020-2021	1450	204	1654
2021-2022	1616	250	1866
2022-2023	1759	280	2039
2023-2024 (As on 31.07.2023)	1800	285	2085

(c) to (e): Medicines are supplied by PMBI to individual Kendras through a strong network of four warehouses and 36 distributors across the country and there has been no substantial delay or shortage in their supply. The availability of medicines is ensured by PMBI through implementation of an Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system and SAP based inventory management system.
