

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2675
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th August, 2023

Prices of Medicines in JAKs

†2675. **SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

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

- (a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened in the country during the last two years along with the details of the target set by the Government in this regard for the next two years;
- (b) the number of JAKs opened in the State of Jharkhand, district-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of essential medicines at Jan Aushadhi Kendras so that people may not be compelled to buy expensive medicines from outside due to non-availability of medicines at these kendras;
- (d) whether there is any difference in the quality of imported medicines and generic medicines;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure the availability of expensive medicines at affordable rates in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) about 2,160 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened during the last two Financial Years, i.e., 2021-22 & 2022-23, with total number of PMBJKs opened across the country as on 31.03.2023 being 9,304. A target to have 10,000 PMBJKs by March, 2024 and 10,500 PMBJKs by March, 2025 has been decided.

(b): Till 31.07.2023, about 89 PMBJKs have been opened in the state of Jharkhand. District-wise list is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(c) and (f): The product basket under the scheme has been progressively enhanced to 1,800 medicines and 285 surgical devices covering all major therapeutic groups and their prices have been kept about 50%-90% cheaper than that of prices of branded medicines available in the open market. In order to ensure adequate availability of medicines at *Jan Aushadhi Kendras*, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the Implementing Agency of the Scheme has set up a strong network of four warehouses and 36 distributors across the country and has implemented an Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system and SAP based inventory management system.

(d) & (e): All medicines, whether imported or manufactured in India, need to comply with the standards of quality as prescribed under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder, as amended from time to time. Under the PMBJP Scheme, quality is ensured by procuring the medicines only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified manufacturers. Further, each batch of drugs is tested at laboratories accredited by ‘National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) before their dispatch to PMBJKs.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q.NO. 2675 for answer on 04.08.2023 raised by SHRI SANJAY SETH regarding Prices of Medicines in JAKs

District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in Jharkhand till 31.07.2023		
Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of PMBJKs Opened
1	Bokaro	13
2	Chatra	1
3	Deoghar	5
4	Dhanbad	5
5	Dumka	3
6	East Singhbhum	5
7	Garhwa	3
8	Giridih	4
9	Godda	1
10	Gumla	1
11	Hazaribagh	4
12	Jamtara	3
13	Khunti	1
14	Koderma	2
15	Latehar	3
16	Lohardaga	1
17	Pakur	1
18	Palamu	4
19	Ramgarh	4
20	Ranchi	17
21	Sahebganj	1
22	Saraikelel Kharsawan	2
23	Simdega	2
24	West Singhbhum	3
Total		89
