

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 998
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2023

Janaushadhi Kendras in Kerala

998. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increased demand for Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras in rural areas of the State of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras in the State of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As on 30.11.2023, 10,006 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country, of which 970 PMBJKs opened in the state of Kerala becoming the third largest State of the country having maximum number of Kendras. In terms of the sales, Kerala is at second position. Online applications have been invited across the country including Kerala. Entrepreneurs are free to open kendras as per their choice in rural as well as urban areas. For wider coverage, only 1 km distance will be maintained between two Kendras.

(c) & (d): There is no State/UT-wise specific target for opening of new PMBJKs.
