

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 269  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Quality Medicines at PMBJP Kendras**

**269. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

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

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Government with an objective of making available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all and if so, the impact of the PMBJP since its inception;
- (b) whether there have been any modifications in the scheme since its inception;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure quality of medicines sold through PMBJP kendras;
- (d) the number of PMBJP kendras functional in the country till date, State-wise;
- (e) the steps taken to ensure that quality generic medicines are made available to people in the country at a much cheaper rate compared to the prevalent market rate of branded medicines;
- (f) whether the targets for opening PMBJP Kendras during the last two years have been achieved; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to promote the use of domestically manufactured drugs and medicines?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

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(a) Yes Sir, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) with an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all. Under this scheme, dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras are opened to provide generic medicines.

As on 29.01.2020, 6072 PMBJP Kendras are opened in the country. PMBJP has covered 696 districts out of 728 districts of the country.

Total sales in the financial year 2018-19 was Rs 315.70 Crore which led to total savings of approximately Rs 2000 Crore of common citizens.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The medicines sold under this scheme are procured only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified suppliers for ensuring the quality of the products. Apart from this, each batch of drug is tested at a laboratory accredited by 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories' (NABL). The medicines are dispatched to PMBJP Kendras only after quality tests are passed.

(d) As on 29.01.2020, 6072 PMBJP Kendras are opened in the country. State-wise list of PMBJP Kendras, functional across the country is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(e) A medicine under PMBJP is priced on the principle of a maximum of 50% of the average price of top three branded medicines. Therefore, the price of a Jan Aushadhi Medicine is cheaper at least by 50% and in some cases, by 90% of the market price of branded medicines.

(f) In the financial year 2017-18, the target was to increase the number of PMBJP Kendras to 3000, which was achieved in December 2017. Similarly, the target to increase the number of Kendras to 5000 in financial year 2018-19 was also achieved in February, 2019.

(g) Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (PMBJP)- the implementing agency for the Scheme- procures medicines only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified domestic suppliers for ensuring the quality of the products. Presently, there are more than 150 WHO-GMP certified pharmaceutical companies as its regular vendors. All medicines are manufactured in India. Thus, PMBJP promotes the use of domestically manufactured drugs and medicines.

The statement referred to in part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 269 for 04.02.2020 raised by KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE regarding Quality Medicines at PMBJP Kendras

<b>State / Union Territory-wise list of Janaushadhi Kendras functional across the country as on 29.01.2020</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/Union Territory</b>	<b>Number of Janaushadhi Kendras functional in the State/Union Territory</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	189
3	Arunachal Pradesh	24
4	Assam	86
5	Bihar	160
6	Chandigarh	6
7	Chhattisgarh	211
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	17
9	Daman & Diu	4
10	Delhi	133
11	Goa	8
12	Gujarat	525
13	Haryana	178
14	Himachal Pradesh	62
15	Jammu and Kashmir	85
16	Jharkhand	59
17	Karnataka	610
18	Kerala	526
19	Ladakh	3
20	Lakshadweep *	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	169
22	Maharashtra	416
23	Manipur	35
24	Meghalaya	1
25	Mizoram	21
26	Nagaland	16
27	Odisha	197
28	Puducherry	15
29	Punjab	200
30	Rajasthan	134
31	Sikkim	2
32	Tamil Nadu	604
33	Telangana	122
34	Tripura	25
35	Uttar Pradesh	915
36	Uttarakhand	186
37	West Bengal	126
<b>Total</b>		<b>6072</b>

\* Medicines are directly supplied to administration of Union Territory of Lakshadweep