

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3229  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

**Shortage of Medicines**

**3229. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that except for some medicines, there is an acute shortage of medicines in Janaushadhi Kendras in most of the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any such system which can reflect centre-wise and medicine-wise shortage and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b) Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) makes regular efforts for making all the drugs in its product basket available to the consumers through its more than 7,500 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs). Sometimes, some drugs could not be made available due to non-receipt of valid bids for the particular drug/non-supply by a vendor. Floating tenders for required medicines are being issued regularly to avoid any stock-out situation.

(c) BPPI has implemented IT enabled SAP based forecasting system for efficient inventory management. This system forecasts the demand of medicines, take real-time orders from Jan Aushadhi Kendras, identify purchase level and tracks the delivery of purchase orders issued. The system ensures that medicines are purchased on right time and made available to Kendras timely.

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