

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3283  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

**Drug Sale at Jan Aushadhi Stores**

†3283. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

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

- (a) the number of operational generic medical stores functioning and the number of stores which have been closed in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the policies of the Government to resolve the problems regarding supply of medicines in such stores;
- (c) whether any plan is being formulated by the Government to check the sale of branded medicines at Jan Aushadi Stores; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) As on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, 7507 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are functional in all the districts of the country. As on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, total 433 PMBJKs have been closed. State/UT- wise list of functional and closed PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(b) Medicines are being supplied to PMBJKs by Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), the implementing agency of the scheme through its central and regional warehouses and country-wide network of distributors. In order to ensure adequate availability of medicines at the PMBJKs, the logistics system is being strengthened. At present, three warehouses are functional at Gurugram, Chennai and Guwahati and the fourth one is under construction at Surat. Further, 37 distributors have been appointed across the country to ensure supply of medicines to remote and rural areas.

(c) & (d) Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), only generic medicines are supplied by BPPI for sale through PMBJKs. In order to improve functioning of the scheme, Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system with Point-of-Sale (POS) application for value added services has been implemented in all PMBJKs. This system allows selling only generic medicines. Further, PMBJKs are allowed to sell allied medical products commonly sold in chemist shops and generic medicines which are not in the basket of PMBJP.

PMBJKs are periodically investigated by the marketing officers of BPPI to eliminate possibilities of any misconduct. In case of complaints, including complaint of sale of any branded medicines through PMBJK, marketing officers of BPPI investigates the matter and strict action is taken against the defaulting store owners.

Statement referred to in part (a) of Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. †3283 for 16.03.2021 raised by SHRI MALOOK NAGAR regarding Drug Sale at Jan Aushadhi Stores.

<b>State/UT- wise list of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras functioning across the country as on 10.03.2021</b>			
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>Number of PMBJKs functional</b>	<b>Number of PMBJKs closed</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	178	22
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28	2
4	Assam	77	25
5	Bihar	222	3
6	Chandigarh	7	0
7	Chhattisgarh	229	5
8	Delhi	291	0
9	Goa	9	0
10	Gujarat	508	105
11	Haryana	200	17
12	Himachal Pradesh	58	13
13	Jammu And Kashmir	90	5
14	Jharkhand	70	0
15	Karnataka	868	31
16	Kerala	744	27
17	Ladakh	3	0
18	Lakshadweep*	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	216	5
20	Maharashtra	566	0
21	Manipur	32	4
22	Meghalaya	14	0
23	Mizoram	22	2
24	Nagaland	15	1
25	Odisha	267	11
26	Puducherry	16	0
27	Punjab	275	14
28	Rajasthan	114	38
29	Sikkim	3	0
30	Tamil Nadu	773	2
31	Telangana	141	8
32	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	31	3

33	Tripura	24	1
34	Uttar Pradesh	1058	66
35	Uttarakhand	201	14
36	West Bengal	156	9
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7507</b>	<b>433</b>

\* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of Union Territory of Lakshwadeep