

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1165  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

**PMBJP Stores**

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

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) generic drugs stores are functional in all states of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendra set up/functioning, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review of performance/functioning of PMBJK and if so, the outcome of the said review along with the action/ steps taken thereon;
- (d) the mechanism put in place to ensure availability of the medicines at each of the said stores thereof;
- (e) whether it is true that JASs do not keep lifesaving medicines and poor and middleclass are finding it difficult to buy such medicines by paying huge money from regular chemist shops;
- (f) efforts being made to make available life-saving drugs in JASs;
- (g) whether the Government have any issues and problems in setting up more Janaushadhi Kendras in every district of the country to provide genuine medicines at affordable cost and if so, the district-wise details thereof;
- (h) the effective steps taken by the Government to increase the number of Janaushadhi Kendras in every district of the country and the total expenditure incurred and funds allocated, disbursed and spent for Janaushadhi Kendras in the country;
- (i) the timeline of new Janaushadi Kendras and warehouse units opened in the country, yearwise and statewise since the inception;
- (j) the total coverage of medicines and surgical items provided by Janaushadhi Kendras. Any expansion of coverage that is being considered and the details thereof and the policy of distribution of medicines and surgical items across the States. How is equitable distribution of medicines ensured?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS**  
**(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are functional in all the States/UTs, covering all districts of the country. As on 20.07.2021, 7,938 PMBJKs are functional across the country. State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

(c) Before considering continuation of the Scheme, it was evaluated by an NITI Aayog's approved private appraisal agency. An internal review of the scheme was also made. The recommendations, after the detailed review, were duly considered and changes, as appropriate, were made in the proposal placed before the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) for its consideration. The Scheme has since been approved for continuation. Further, the performance/functioning of PMBJKs are periodically reviewed at the level of CEO of the Bureau as well as the Executive and Governing Council of the Implementing Agency of the Scheme, viz., Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI).

(d) Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system with Point-of-Sale (POS) application for value added services has been implemented in PMBJP. Further, the logistics system has been strengthened. At present, three warehouses are functional at Gurugram, Chennai and Guwahati. In addition, 37 distributors have been appointed across the country to support the supply of medicines to remote and rural areas.

(e) & (f) No sir. All generic medicines listed in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) are provided in PMBJKs except the lab reagents. The product basket of PMBJP comprises 1,451 medicines and 204 surgicals & consumables covering all major therapeutic groups such as Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Anti-diabetics, Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc.

(g) & (h) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has marked its presence in all districts of the country by opening of PMBJKs. Opening of PMBJK at any place, however, depends on receipt of the application from individual entrepreneur and availability of the pharmacist. The Department has regularly written letters to States/UTs to provide rent free space in every Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Government Hospitals for opening PMBJKs. Letters were also written to District Magistrates to expedite the opening of PMBJKs to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to the citizens of the country. Further, PMBI has also released various newspaper advertisements for inviting applications for opening of PMBJKs. BPPI's Marketing Officers also organizes periodic workshop and seminars to encourage private entrepreneurs/NGO/Civil Society and unemployed pharmacists for opening of PMBJP Kendras.

The details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana during last five financial years is as under:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Funds Allocated (Rs. in Cr.)	Funds Utilized (Rs. in Cr.)
1.	2016-17	49.75	49.75
2.	2017-18	47.64	47.64
3.	2018-19	42.51	42.50
4.	2019-20	35.51	35.51
5.	2020-21	65.00	65.00

(i) The year-wise growth in opening of PMBJKs is as under:

Financial Year	Number of PMBJP Kendras functional	
	Yearly	Cumulative
2008-09	4	4
2009-10	19	23
2010-11	7	30
2011-12	16	46
2012-13	20	66
2013-14	6	72
2014-15	14	86
2015-16	154	240
2016-17	720	960
2017-18	2233	3193
2018-19	1863	5140
2019-20	1166	6306
2020-21	1251	7557
2021-22 (as on 20.07.2021)	381	7938

The State wise details of the Warehouse is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Warehouse	Name of the State	Operational since
1.	Central Warehouse, Gurugram	Haryana	18.04.2018
2.	Regional Warehouse, Guwahati	Assam	08.08.2018
3.	Regional Warehouse, Chennai	Tamil Nadu	23.03.2019

(j) The product basket of PMBJP presently comprises 1,451 medicines and 204 surgicals & consumables. Regular efforts are made for augmenting the product basket of PMBJP so that essential medicines and surgicals are readily available. Existing three warehouses and 37 distributors support the supply of medicines to remote and rural areas. Medicine and surgical & consumables are being supplied by PMBI from warehouses based on the demand received from any PMBJK. Further, the PMBJKs can also opt for supplies from respective State level distributors, as per their convenience.

The growth in product basket of PMBJP in last six years is as under:

Year	Number of Medicines	Number of Surgicals	Total
2016-2017	400	88	488
2017-2018	600	154	600
2018-2019	800	154	700
2019-2020	900	154	1054
2020-2021	1450	204	1654
2021-2022 (target)	1600	240	1840

**Annexure-I**

<b>State/UT wise list of PMBJK's functioning across the country as on 20.07.2021</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>No. of PMBJK functional</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	180
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28
4	Assam	79
5	Bihar	242
6	Chandigarh	7
7	Chhattisgarh	235
8	Delhi	330
9	Goa	9
10	Gujarat	527
11	Haryana	212
12	Himachal Pradesh	61
13	Jammu And Kashmir	100
14	Jharkhand	73
15	Karnataka	905
16	Kerala	812
17	Ladakh	3
18	Lakshadeep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	223
20	Maharashtra	590
21	Manipur	32
22	Meghalaya	14
23	Mizoram	22
24	Nagaland	16
25	Odisha	293
26	Puducherry	16
27	Punjab	284
28	Rajasthan	122
29	Sikkim	3
30	Tamil Nadu	820
31	Telangana	153
32	DNH & D&D	34
33	Tripura	24
34	Uttar Pradesh	1112
35	Uttarakhand	205
36	West Bengal	171
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7938</b>
* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of UT of Lakshwadeep		

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