GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2183 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th December, 2021

Jan Ausadhi Kendra

2183. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

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

(a) whether Wanaparthy and Sangareddy districts of Telangana are not covered so far under the Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up such stores in these two districts of Telangana as well;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these stores are likely to be set up in the above districts;

(d) whether all the 900 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables approved for PMBJP stores are available particularly in Telangana and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to ensure that all medicines are available in Jan Aushadi stores in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (Dr. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a): There are 158 functional Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in the state of Telangana as on 05.12.2021, out of which one PMBJK each is open in the districts of Wanaparthy and Sangareddy respectively.

(b) & (c): PMBI has recently issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) inviting applicants for opening of PMBJKs in 265 districts of the different States including 14 districts of Telangana covering Wanaparthy and Sangareddy districts. Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has received three applications from Sangareddy district and one application from Wanaparthy district respectively for opening of PMBJK. These applications have already been processed and in principle approvals accorded.

(d): Presently, the product basket of PMBJP comprises of 1,451 medicines and 240 surgical items covering all major therapeutic groups. All medicines, which are available at PMBI's warehouses, are available at PMBJKs functioning in the state of Telangana.

(e): In order to improve functioning of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), Information Technology (IT) enabled an End-to-End supply chain system with Point-of-Sale (POS) application for value added services has been implemented. At present, three warehouses are functional at Gurugram, Chennai and Guwahati and the fourth one is under construction at Surat. Further, 39 distributors have been appointed across the country to support the supply of medicines to remote and rural areas in the country.