GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3854 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th March, 2022

Study on PMBJP

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a Statewise analysis/study on the status of the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), including block or district level coverage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered to nominate eminent medical administrators or expert industry representatives to the Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) which has only two experts from the Pharmaceutical field at present;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide grants to BPPI for meeting the administrative expenses, salaries, etc. since it does not have financial self sufficiency as yet; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

- (a) & (b): A study for 'Improving Effectiveness of Jan Aushadhi (JA) Stores' was commissioned in January, 2019. Departmental Parliamentary Standing Committee also reviewed the scheme and submitted its report in March, 2021. Based on the aforesaid reports/recommendations, further follow up actions on implementation of the scheme were taken.
- (c) & (d): The Governing Council and Executive Council of Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) already have CMD/ MDs of the pharma PSUs as industry representatives. Recently, a committee has been constituted to consider augmentation of the product basket under the scheme having representatives from National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPER), Central Drugs Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) and Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

(e) & (f): The Government releases grants to PMBI for providing incentives to Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), procurement of products to be sold at discounted rates, media & publicity and establishment expenses of Pharma Bureau set up under PMBI.
