

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4911
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st APRIL, 2022

Supply of Cheap Medicines in Maharashtra

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

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras currently running smoothly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the extent to which cheap medicines are being provided to the poor through these Janaushadhi Kendras; and
- (c) the details of estimate made on amount of money being saved by the patients by purchasing generic medicines from Janaushadhi Kendras instead of other chemist shops?

ANSWER

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

(a): As on 28.02.2022, about 630 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened in the State of Maharashtra.

(b): The medicines at PMBJKs are priced on the principle of a maximum of 50% of the average price of the top three branded medicines. Thus, the price of Jan Aushadhi Medicines is cheaper at least by 50% and in some cases, by 80% to 90% of the market price of branded medicines.

(c): During financial year 2020-21, sale of about Rs. 665.83 cr. has been made under the scheme, which has led to estimated savings of about Rs. 4,000 cr. to the citizens. During the current financial year, i.e., 2021-22, till 28.02.2022, sales of about Rs. 814.21 cr. have been made, leading to estimated savings of about Rs. 4800 cr. to the citizens.
