

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st APRIL, 2022

Operation of Janaushadhi Kendras during COVID lockdown period

†5055. **SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken during the COVID-19 lockdown period to ensure smooth operation of Jan Aushadhi Kendras; and
- (b) whether the sale of medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras had increased or decreased during nationwide lockdown period and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): During the period of COVID lockdown, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have rendered yeoman services by making available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to the common citizens of the country. Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) maintained, amongst others, adequate stocks of medicines and other essential items, viz., Paracetamol, Azithromycin, Remdesivir, Face Masks, Sanitizers, etc. required for COVID management at all times at PMBJKs functional all across the country.

(b): PMBJP achieved about 60% growth in sales during the first two quarters of the Financial Year 2020-2021 compared to the same period of the previous financial year.
