

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 626
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04TH FEBRUARY, 2022

Generic Medicines Outlets

†626. **SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:**
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any plan to set up generic medicines outlets at large scale to provide generic medicines to common people at affordable prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such outlets set up in the country so far, State/UTwise particularly, Bihar;
- (c) whether there is any difference between the availability of generic drugs as compared to commonly used drugs, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any shortage of most of the generic medicines in such outlets particularly prescribed by the Government hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State/ UT-wise including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) & (b): With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers in the year 2008. Under the Scheme, dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are opened to provide generic medicines at cheaper rates to the citizens. Government has set a target to open 10,500 Kendras across the country by March 2025.

As on 31.12.2021, about 8,640 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country, out of which about 276 PMBJKs are functioning in the State of Bihar. State/Union Territory-wise list of PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(c): Generic drugs are also commonly used drugs. The product basket presently comprises of 1,451 medicines and 240 surgical items covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anti-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc. These medicines are available through more than 8,600 PMBJKs functioning across the country.

(d): There is no shortage of generic medicines in PMBJKs. Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of PMBJP is doing proper forecasting and inventory management regularly to ensure availability of medicines and surgical items on a continuous basis at PMBJKs, including at 139 PMBJKs functioning in the State of Rajasthan as on 31.12.2021.

Annexure

Statement referred to in part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 626 for 04.02.2022 raised by Shri Mahabali Singh and Shri Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria regarding Generic Medicines Outlets

| Sl. No. | Name of the State/UT | Number of PMBJK functional |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar | 9 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 183 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 28 |
| 4 | Assam | 88 |
| 5 | Bihar | 276 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 7 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 241 |
| 8 | Delhi | 381 |
| 9 | Goa | 10 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 551 |
| 11 | Haryana | 234 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 64 |
| 13 | Jammu And Kashmir | 121 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 76 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 960 |
| 16 | Kerala | 976 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 2 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep * | 0 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 240 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 625 |
| 21 | Manipur | 34 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 15 |
| 23 | Mizoram | 22 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 16 |
| 25 | Odisha | 347 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 18 |
| 27 | Punjab | 304 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 139 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 3 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 863 |
| 31 | Telangana | 160 |
| 32 | DNH & D&D | 36 |
| 33 | Tripura | 24 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 1185 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 216 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 186 |
| Grand Total | | 8640 |

* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of Union Territory of Lakshadweep
