

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th July, 2022

Jan Aushadhi Kendras

†2123. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) whether the fund(s) for the promotion of Jan Aushadi Kendra has been enhanced from Rs. 2.5 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Jan Aushadhi Scheme has become a means to both service and employment in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The incentive provided to the *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra* (PMBJK) owners has been enhanced from Rs. 2.50 lakh to up to Rs. 5.00 lakh which is given @ 15% of monthly purchases made by them, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month. Further, a one-time additional incentive of Rs. 2 lakh is reimbursed to *Kendras* opened by women, divyang, SC & ST entrepreneurs and the *Kendras* opened in aspirational districts, Himalayan, Island territories and North-Eastern States, for procurement of furniture, fixtures, computer and peripherals.

(c) & (d): As on 30.06.2022, about 8,742 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country providing quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all the citizens of the country. On an average about 4 to 5 lakh people visit these *Kendras* every day. In addition, the scheme has provided direct source of sustainable employment for about 18,000 educated unemployed youths of the country. As such, the Scheme has become a means to both service and employment in the country.
