

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2024

Modernization of JAKs

**879 Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy:
Shri Dilip Saikia:**

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

- (a) the objectives and salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP);
- (b) the amount of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this yojana in the State of Tamil Nadu, so far;
- (c) the total number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) set up so far and medicines being provided by JAKs under this yojana across the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu and Assam;
- (d) whether the yojana has made significant impact to the lives of common people by providing quality medicines at an affordable price;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen and modernize the network of JAKs in the country; and
- (f) whether the Government has received complaints from various States regarding irregularities at these Kendras across the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(MS. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana" (PMBJP) is the flagship scheme of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India under which quality generic medicines are sold through dedicated outlets namely Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs).

Objectives of the PMBJP Scheme are as under: -

- To make available quality medicines, consumables and surgical items at affordable prices for all and reduce out of pocket expenditure of consumers/patients.
- To popularize generic medicines among the masses and dispel the prevalent notion that low priced generic medicines are of inferior quality or are less effective.
- Generate employment by engaging individual entrepreneurs in the opening of PMBJP Kendras.

The Scheme is operated by government agencies as well as by private entrepreneurs. Salient features of the scheme are as follows:-

- Financial assistance to the Jan Aushadhi Kendra operators and sales-based incentive.
- Provision of special incentive for Women, Divyang, Ex-servicemen, SC/ST, Island, Himalyan and North Eastern States applicants.
- Prices of the Jan Aushadhi medicines are generally 50%-90% less than that of branded medicines' prices which are available in the open market.
- Medicines are procured from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified suppliers only, for ensuring quality of the products.
- Each batch of drugs, after its receipt at the warehouses, is tested at laboratories accredited by 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories' (NABL).

(b): There is no State/UT- wise specific budget allocated under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.

(c): Under PMBJP, 12,616 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened till 30.06.2024 across the country, of which 1107 Kendras have been opened in Tamil Nadu and 150 Kendras have been opened in Assam. State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs opened across the country till 30.06.2024 is enclosed as **Annexure**.

The product basket of PMBJP comprises 2047 medicines and 300 surgical and medical consumables covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancer, Anti-diabetic, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc..

(d) & (e): The scheme has made significant impact to the lives of common people by providing quality generic medicines at affordable prices. Over the last 10 years, sale of medicines worth Rs. 5,600 crores have been made through PMBJKs, which has led to estimated savings of Rs. 30,000 crore to the citizens. Further, the scheme provides opportunities for self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings.

To strengthen and modernize the network of JAKs in the country, following steps have been taken by the Government: -

- Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of PMBJP has recently invited online applications from all districts in the country.
- For smooth supply and products availability, an IT-enabled end-to-end supply chain system has been designed. It comprises one central warehouse at Gurugram and four regional warehouses at Bengaluru, Chennai, Guwahati & Surat. 36 distributors have been appointed across States/UTs to strengthen the supply chain system.
- A mobile application "**Janaushadhi Sugam**" has been launched, which provides a digital platform for use by general public, by the virtue of which they can avail of a host of user-friendly facilities like - locating a nearby Jan Aushadhi Kendra (direction guided through Google Map), search Jan Aushadhi medicines, compare Generic vs. Branded medicines in the form of MRP savings etc.

(f): PMBI takes strict action against complaints of irregularities or malpractices. After investigation, appropriate action is taken against the defaulting PMBJKs, wherever required.

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 879 for answer on 26.07.2024 raised by Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy, Shri Dilip Saikia regarding Modernization of JAKs

| State/UT- wise list of PMBJKs opened across the country till 30.06.2024 | | |
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| Sl. No. | Name of the State/UT | Number of PMBJK opened |
| 1 | Andaman And Nicobar Islands | 9 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 262 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 32 |
| 4 | Assam | 150 |
| 5 | Bihar | 638 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 12 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 202 |
| 8 | Delhi | 465 |
| 9 | Goa | 14 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 682 |
| 11 | Haryana | 347 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 74 |
| 13 | Jammu And Kashmir | 299 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 120 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 1225 |
| 16 | Kerala | 1228 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 2 |
| 18 | Lakshwadeep* | 1 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 403 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 675 |
| 21 | Manipur | 48 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 19 |
| 23 | Mizoram | 13 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 20 |
| 25 | Odisha | 556 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 28 |
| 27 | Punjab | 432 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 374 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 9 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 1107 |
| 31 | Telangana | 180 |
| 32 | The Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | 37 |
| 33 | Tripura | 26 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 2210 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 284 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 433 |
| Grand Total | | 12,616 |

* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of UT of Lakshwadeep.
