

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 809
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras

809. Shri B Y Raghavendra:

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

- (a) the number of PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras currently operational across the country including Karnataka particularly Shimoga Lok Sabha constituency;
- (b) the current status of applications pending for establishing additional Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country including the said region;
- (c) whether there are any immediate plans for expanding the network of PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country;
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply and availability of essential medicines at existing Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Karnataka particularly in the Shimoga Lok Sabha constituency; and
- (e) the strategy being implemented to expand the network of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), a total of 14131 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened till 31.10.2024 across the country, of which 1339 JAKs opened in the State of Karnataka including 40 JAKs opened in Shimoga Lok Sabha Constituency.
- (b): Presently, 990 applications are under process at different levels for opening JAKs across the country, of which one application is under process pertaining to Shimoga Lok Sabha Constituency in the state of Karnataka.
- (c): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), the Government has fixed a target to open 25,000 JAKs across the country by 31st March 2027.
- (d): To ensure the supply and adequate availability of medicines at *Janaushadhi Kendras*, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the Implementing Agency of the Scheme has set up a network of five warehouses at Gurugram, Chennai, Guwahati, Bengaluru and Surat. Out of which, Bengaluru warehouse supplies medicines to JAKs in Karnataka including Shimoga. These are backed by SAP-based inventory management system for demand forecasting. Marketing and procurement team of PMBI also monitors the inventory levels and availability of medicines at JAKs. A Point of Sales (PoS) application for all Kendra owners provides them easy access to procure medicines.

Further, PMBI has a strong distributor network of 36 distributors spread across the country. PMBI is doing direct supply of medicines to JAKs in Karnataka through 3 distributors situated at Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Hubli.

(e): Applications have been invited from all the districts of the country for opening of JAKs by applying online through PMBI's website i.e. www.janaushadhi.gov.in.
