

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st MARCH, 2025

Reduction in Price of Janaushadhi Medicines

3647. Shri C N Annadurai:

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

- (a) the total number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) established across the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of medicines under PMBJK that have seen price reductions during the last three years;
- (c) whether there are reports that indicate that many Janaushadhi Kendras are facing supply chain disruptions leading to a shortage of essential medicines, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such disruptions;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply to all PMBJKs;
- (e) whether there are disparities in the distribution of PMBJKs, with more outlets concentrated in urban areas compared to rural regions' if so, the number of PMBJKs in rural and tribal areas separately, State-wise; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to promote the establishment of more Janaushadhi Kendras in underserved areas?

ANSWER

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

(a): The financial-year-wise numbers of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three financial years, under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), are as under:

Financial year	JAKs opened
2021-22	93
2022-23	54
2023-24	187
Total	334

(b): In the last three years, the maximum retail price of 42 medicines and other products under the PMBJP product basket have reduced. The list of medicines is at Annexure I.

(c): There is no supply chain disruption or shortage of medicines in the warehouses of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), which is the implementing agency for PMBJP.

(d): With a view to ensure smooth supply and product availability at JAKs, an end-to-end IT-enabled supply chain system has been established. It comprises one central warehouse at Gurugram and four regional warehouses at Bengaluru, Guwahati, Chennai and Surat. Further, 36 distributors have been appointed across the country to strengthen the supply chain system.

Availability of 400 fast-moving products is monitored regularly to ensure their availability. Further, a minimum stocking mandate has been implemented for 200 medicines consisting of 100 top-selling medicines in the scheme product basket and 100 fast-selling medicines in the market. Under the stocking mandate, JAK owners become eligible for claiming incentive based on the stocks of the said 200 medicines maintained by them.

(e): Under PMBJP, a total 15,057 JAKs have been opened till 28.2.2025 across the country. State- and Union-territory-wise break-up is at Annexure II.

Out of these, the details regarding whether a JAK is situated in urban or rural area are available in respect of 11,998 JAKs, out of which 5,907 (49.2%) are situated in rural areas, which include areas with significant concentration of tribal population. State- and Union-territory-wise break-up is at Annex III.

(f): All Jan Aushadhi Kendra owners are eligible for incentive at the rate of 20% of the monthly purchases made by them, subject to a monthly ceiling of ₹20,000 and meeting certain conditions such as maintaining stock of specified medicines. In addition, a one-time incentive of ₹2 lakh is provided to outlets opened in the North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and aspirational districts or those opened by women entrepreneurs, ex-servicemen, *divyangjan* and members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, as support towards furniture, computers, refrigerators and other fixtures.

Further, the Department of Pharmaceuticals, in coordination with the Ministry of Cooperation, is facilitating the opening of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) in Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and other cooperative societies to enable the benefits of quality Jan Aushadhi medicines reach rural and remote areas of the country. As of 28.2.2025, the number of JAKs opened by PACs and other cooperative societies stood at 724.

In addition, publicity is done in rural areas through newspaper, radio and television advertisements and Common Service Centres (CSCs) to invite entrepreneurs to open JAKs.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3647 for answer on 21.3.2025, raised by Shri C. N. Annadurai, regarding Reduction in Price of Janaushadhi Medicines

Medicines and other products under the PMBJP product basket whose maximum retail price has reduced in the last three financial years

S. No.	Particulars of the medicine	Unit size
1	Famotidine tablets IP 20 mg	14
2	Methotrexate tablets IP 7.5 mg	10
3	Nebivolol tablets IP 5 mg	10
4	Bisoprolol tablets 5 mg	10
5	Thiocolchicoside 4 mg and Aceclofenac 100 mg tablets	10
6	Naproxen tablets IP 500 mg	15
7	Atracurium Besilate injection IP 25 mg / 2.5 ml	2.5 ml
8	Bortezomib injection IP 3.5 mg	Vial
9	Glyceryl Trinitrate Controlled Release tablets 2.6 mg (Nitroglycerin Controlled Release tablets)	30
10	Imatinib Mesylate tablets IP 400 mg	10
11	Mycophenolate Mofetil tablets IP 500 mg	10
12	Nebivolol tablets IP 2.5 mg	10
13	Telmisartan 40mg and Metoprolol 25 mg tablets	10
14	Teneligliptin tablets IP 20 mg	10
15	Tizanidine tablets IP 2 mg	10
16	Teneligliptin 20 mg and Metformin Hydrochloride 500 mg (Sustained Release) tablets	10
17	Teneligliptin 20 mg and Metformin Hydrochloride 1000 mg (Sustained Release) tablets	10
18	Metoprolol Succinate 25 mg (Extended Release) and Amlodipine Besilate 5 mg tablets IP	7
19	Erlotinib tablets IP 150 mg	10 bottle
20	Olmesartan Medoxomil 20 mg and Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg tablets IP	10
21	Thiocolchicoside capsules IP 4 mg	10
22	Capecitabine tablets IP 500 mg	10
23	Levetiracetam oral solution IP 100 mg	100 ml
24	Vildagliptin tablets IP 50 mg	15
25	Vildagliptin 50 mg and Metformin 500 mg tablets	15
26	Vildagliptin 50 mg and Metformin 1000 mg tablets	15
27	Aceclofenac 100 mg, Paracetamol 325 mg and Tizanidine 2 mg tablets	10
28	Bilastine tablets 20 mg	10
29	Bisoprolol Fumarate tablets 2.5 mg	10
30	Linagliptin tablets 5 mg	10
31	Sacubitril 24 mg and Valsartan 26 mg tablets	10

32	Sacubitril 49 mg and Valsartan 51 mg tablets	10
33	Sitagliptin Phosphate and Metformin Hydrochloride tablets (50/1000 mg)	10
34	Sitagliptin Phosphate and Metformin Hydrochloride tablets (50/500 mg)	10
35	Sitagliptin Phosphate tablets IP (100 mg)	10
36	Sitagliptin Phosphate tablets IP (50 mg)	10
37	Ticagrelor tablets IP 90 mg	10
38	Vildagliptin 50 mg and Metformin Hydrochloride 850 mg tablets	15
39	Voglibose 0.2 mg, Glimepiride 1 mg and Metformin Hydrochloride 500 mg (Sustained Release) tablets	10
40	Escitalopram tablets IP 5 mg	10
41	Tolperisone tablet 150 mg	10
42	Protein powder (100% whey protein) 1 kg (2.2 lbs) jar	1 kg (2.2 lbs) jar

Annexure II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3647 for answer on 21.3.2025, raised by Shri C. N. Annadurai, regarding Reduction in Price of Janaushadhi Medicines

State/UT-wise number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened till 28.2.2025

S. No.	Name of State or Union territory	Number of JAKs opened
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	275
3	Arunachal Pradesh	34
4	Assam	170
5	Bihar	812
6	Chandigarh	11
7	Chhattisgarh	278
8	Delhi	492
9	Goa	15
10	Gujarat	760
11	Haryana	408
12	Himachal Pradesh	71
13	Jammu and Kashmir	318
14	Jharkhand	148
15	Karnataka	1,425
16	Kerala	1,528
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	545
20	Maharashtra	708
21	Manipur	54
22	Meghalaya	25
23	Mizoram	15
24	Nagaland	22
25	Odisha	682
26	Puducherry	33
27	Punjab	489
28	Rajasthan	486
29	Sikkim	11
30	Tamil Nadu	1,363
31	Telangana	199
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	39
33	Tripura	28
34	Uttar Pradesh	2,658
35	Uttarakhand	313
36	West Bengal	630
Total		15,057

Annexure III

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3647 for answer on 21.3.2025, raised by Shri C. N. Annadurai, regarding Reduction in Price of Janaushadhi Medicines

State- and Union-territory-wise break-up of the 5,907 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) located in rural areas, out of 11,998 JAKs in respect of which details regarding whether they are situated in urban or rural area are available (as on 28.2.2025)

S. No.	Name of State or Union territory	Number of JAKs opened
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	8
2	Andhra Pradesh	127
3	Arunachal Pradesh	23
4	Assam	108
5	Bihar	478
6	Chandigarh	10
7	Chhattisgarh	93
8	Delhi	2
9	Goa	3
10	Gujarat	215
11	Haryana	98
12	Himachal Pradesh	30
13	Jammu and Kashmir	68
14	Jharkhand	67
15	Karnataka	359
16	Kerala	955
17	Ladakh	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	117
19	Maharashtra	154
20	Manipur	50
21	Meghalaya	15
22	Mizoram	9
23	Nagaland	18
24	Odisha	323
25	Puducherry	17
26	Punjab	70
27	Rajasthan	112
28	Sikkim	2
29	Tamil Nadu	618
30	Telangana	65
31	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	29
32	Tripura	23
33	Uttar Pradesh	1,029
34	Uttarakhand	55
35	West Bengal	556
