

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2025

Demand for PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras

4695. Shri Kalipada Saren Kherwal:

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

- (a) whether the demand for setting up of PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras is increasing across the country, including West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the total number of PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras set up in West Bengal, district-wise particularly in Jhargram district;
- (c) the total number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras targeted to be set up in the country including West Bengal by 2029; and
- (d) the details of the benefits being provided to the common people of the country through these Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) and (b): The Government launched the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana scheme to make quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all. Under the scheme, dedicated outlets known as Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) are opened across the country to provide quality generic medicines at maximum retail prices that are about 50% to 80% cheaper than those of leading branded medicines in the market. 2,047 medicines and 300 surgicals, medical consumables and devices are under the scheme product basket, covering all major therapeutic groups, such as cardiovascular, anti-cancers, anti-diabetic, anti-infectives, anti-allergic and gastro-intestinal medicines and nutraceuticals. A total of 15,057 JAKs have been opened across the country till 28.2.2025, of which 630 JAKs have been opened in the State of West Bengal, including two JAKs in Jhargram district of the State. District-wise number of JAKs opened in the State of West Bengal, till the said date, are at Annexure.

(c): The Government has set a target to open 25,000 JAKs across the country by March 2027. There is no State-wise target for opening new JAKs.

(d): Details of the benefits being provided to the common people of the country through JAKs are as under:

- (i) A total of 15,057 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened till 28.2.2025 across the country.
- (ii) 2,047 medicines and 300 surgicals, medical consumables and devices are under the scheme product basket, covering all major therapeutic groups, such as cardiovascular, anti-cancers, anti-diabetic, anti-infectives, anti-allergic and gastro-intestinal medicines and nutraceuticals.
- (iii) On an average, 10 to 12 lakh persons visit Jan Aushadhi Kendras daily and avail of quality medicines at affordable prices.
- (iv) To ensure easy availability of menstrual health services at affordable prices for women, Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Sanitary Napkins at the rate of ₹1 per pad are being made available. Till 28.2.2025, over 74.50 crore such pads have been sold.
- (v) In the last 10 years, medicines worth ₹6,975 crore in MRP terms have been sold through JAKs, resulting in estimated savings of about ₹30,000 crore to citizens in comparison to the prices of leading branded medicines in the market.
- (vi) The Department of Pharmaceuticals, in coordination with the Ministry of Cooperation, is facilitating the opening of 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.
- (vii) The scheme has provided self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings to the entrepreneurs running the outlets.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in the reply to parts (a) and (b) of the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. No. 4695 for answer on 28.3.2025, raised by Shri Kalipada Saren Kherwal, regarding Demand for PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras

JAKs opened in the State of West Bengal (till 28.2.2025)

S. No.	District	JAKs opened
1.	North 24 Parganas	129
2.	South 24 Parganas	34
3.	Bankura	20
4.	Purba Bardhaman	32
5.	Birbhum	5
6.	Cooch Behar	14
7.	Darjeeling	10
8.	Dakshin Dinajpur	1
9.	Uttar Dinajpur	5
10.	Hooghly	69
11.	Howrah	68
12.	Jalpaiguri	13
13.	Kolkata	92
14.	Malda	9
15.	Purba Medinipur	31
16.	Paschim Medinipur	21
17.	Murshidabad	10
18.	Nadia	18
19.	Purulia	6
20.	Alipurduar	6
21.	Kalimpong	1
22.	Jhargram	2
23.	Paschim Bardhaman	34
Total		630
