

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 714
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2025

Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras

†714. **Dr. Manna Lal Rawat:**
Shri Damodar Agrawal:

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

- (a) the total number of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras set up in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether any financial assistance is being provided by the Government in the case of centres being set up in hospital premises, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendra targeted to be set up in the country by the year 2025 along with the details of the centres to be set up in the districts of Udaipur division in Rajasthan;
- (d) the details of benefits being provided to the common people of the country through Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras;
- (e) the details of eligibility, conditions and cost of setting up of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras; and
- (f) the details of the list of medicines available through Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana scheme, a total of 7,484 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country between the financial years 2019-2020 and 2023-2024, of which 215 have been opened in the State of Rajasthan. The State- and Union-territory-wise and financial-year-wise numbers of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened during the last five financial years are at Annex.

(b): 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.

(c): The Government decided to open 15,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country by 31.3.2025 and this target has already been achieved. There was no district-wise target.

(d) to (f): 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, and the list of the same is available on the website of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (<https://janaushadhi.gov.in/productportfolio/ProductmrpList>). Medicines are provided at rates that are about 50% to 80% cheaper than those of branded medicines. In the last 10 years, medicines worth ₹6,462 crore in MRP terms have been sold through Jan Aushadhi Kendras, resulting in estimated savings of about ₹30,000 crore to citizens in comparison to the prices of branded medicines. On an average, 10 to 12 lakh persons visit Jan Aushadhi Kendras daily and avail of quality medicines at affordable prices. In addition, 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 31.1.2025, over 72.63 crore such pads have been sold. Further, the scheme has provided self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings to the entrepreneurs running the outlets.

Any individual having D. Pharma. or B. Pharma. qualification either himself or any individual or organisation who has employed such a qualification as a pharmacist for obtaining drug licence from the State Licensing Authority concerned is eligible to open a Jan Aushadhi Kendra. Following are the requirements for applying to open such an outlet:

- (i) Minimum space of 120 square feet;
- (ii) Registration of the pharmacist with the State Pharmacy Council concerned; and
- (iii) Submission of suitable certificate/proof issued by the authority concerned, along with an undertaking, in respects of applicants belonging to the *divyangjan*, Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe category.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 714 for answer on 7.2.2025, raised by Dr. Manna Lal Rawat and Shri Damodar Agrawal, regarding Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras

The State- and Union-territory-wise and financial-year-wise number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened during the last five financial years

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	Total number of JAKs opened during the last five financial years
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	0	0	7	0	0	7
2.	Andhra Pradesh	6	8	5	16	143	178
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	6	0	0	1	2	9
4.	Assam	16	11	15	23	21	86
5.	Bihar	27	61	61	85	197	431
6.	Chandigarh	1	1	0	2	3	7
7.	Chhattisgarh	6	16	12	6	34	74
8.	Delhi	63	149	81	14	60	367
9.	Goa	0	1	1	1	3	6
10.	Gujarat	58	63	41	17	154	333
11.	Haryana	22	34	37	37	94	224
12.	Himachal Pradesh	9	6	6	3	11	35
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	36	5	38	95	72	246
14.	Jharkhand	13	5	9	10	28	65
15.	Karnataka	144	239	97	115	165	760
16.	Kerala	94	225	246	19	50	634
17.	Ladakh	1	0	0	0	0	1
18.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	1	1
19.	Madhya Pradesh	52	42	23	37	110	264
20.	Maharashtra	104	97	49	36	93	379
21.	Manipur	0	1	3	3	11	18
22.	Meghalaya	8	5	1	3	1	18
23.	Mizoram	6	0	0	0	0	6
24.	Nagaland	1	0	4	1	0	6
25.	Odisha	66	74	88	55	114	397
26.	Puducherry	2	0	3	1	6	12
27.	Punjab	60	84	29	15	64	252
28.	Rajasthan	16	16	29	16	138	215

29.	Sikkim	0	1	0	1	3	5
30.	Tamil Nadu	93	155	93	54	187	582
31.	Telangana	14	26	22	19	21	102
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	6	12	5	0	2	25
33.	Tripura	1	0	0	1	0	2
34.	Uttar Pradesh	119	185	135	199	694	1,332
35.	Uttarakhand	31	24	15	7	35	112
36.	West Bengal	33	36	37	47	140	293
Total		1,114	1,582	1,192	939	2,657	7,484
