GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3317 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2025

AVAILABILITY OF GENERIC MEDICINES

†3317. MRS RUCHI VIRA:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the availability of generic medicines is limited to only urban areas, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure widespread availability of generic medicines so that people living in rural areas can get medicines at affordable prices; and
- (c) the total outlets of generic medicines opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Moradabad and Bijnor during the last 5 years, year-wise and district-wise?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c): With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to the all, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India. Under the scheme, dedicated outlets known as Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened across the country for providing medicines at 50%-80% cheaper rates to the citizens.

A total of 16,912 JAKs have been opened till 30.06.2025 across the country, out of which 8,660 JAKs have been opened in rural areas.

To increase access in rural areas, the Scheme has partnered with the Ministry of Cooperation for the opening of JAKs by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies and other cooperative societies.

Under PMBJP, a total of 2036 JAKs have been opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years, of which 13 JAKs opened in Moradabad and 8 JAKs opened in Bijnor district. Financial Year-wise and District-wise number of JAKs opened is at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †3317 for answer on 08.08.2025

Financial Year-wise and District-wise number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh during last 5 years

S. No.	Name of the District	FY 2020-2 1	FY 2021- 22	FY 2022-2 3	FY 2023-2 4	FY 2024- 25	Grand Total
1	Agra	6	10	13	21	23	73
2	Aligarh	1	1	3	15	7	27
3	Ambedkar Nagar	0	0	3	1	7	11
4	Amethi	0	0	3	3	4	10
5	Amroha	0	0	1	1	4	6
6	Auraiya	0	0	0	7	0	7
7	Ayodhya	3	1	0	0	10	14
8	Azamgarh	1	2	8	5	15	31
9	Baghpat	2	5	0	9	2	18
10	Bahraich	3	0	4	4	6	17
11	Ballia	1	1	5	8	11	26
12	Balrampur	1	0	0	3	4	8
13	Banda	0	0	0	7	2	9
14	Bara Banki	1	0	5	13	20	39
15	Bareilly	2	1	0	6	6	15
16	Basti	0	0	1	4	4	9
17	Bhadohi	0	1	1	8	0	10
18	Bijnor	2	0	3	0	3	8
19	Budaun	1	0	0	6	8	15
20	Bulandshahr	1	2	3	9	5	20
21	Chandauli	2	0	0	7	3	12
22	Chitrakoot	0	0	1	4	1	6
23	Deoria	8	4	1	46	40	99
24	Etah	1	0	4	3	1	9

25	Etawah	0	0	1	8	5	14
26	Farrukhabad	0	1	4	2	5	12
27	Fatehpur	1	0	2	5	5	13
28	Firozabad	1	0	3	8	2	14
29	Gautam Buddha Nagar	3	3	5	21	37	69
30	Ghaziabad	21	19	6	12	25	83
31	Ghazipur	0	0	6	6	19	31
32	Gonda	2	2	2	8	5	19
33	Gorakhpur	5	3	0	61	51	120
34	Hamirpur	0	0	1	0	5	6
35	Hapur	1	0	6	7	6	20
36	Hardoi	0	2	6	16	8	32
37	Hathras	1	0	1	4	3	9
38	Jalaun	0	1	6	6	8	21
39	Jaunpur	1	1	4	8	4	18
40	Jhansi	3	1	0	11	4	19
41	Kannauj	0	2	0	6	3	11
42	Kanpur Dehat	0	0	1	3	3	7
43	Kanpur Nagar	5	3	3	30	28	69
44	Kasganj	0	0	0	7	5	12
45	Kaushambi	0	0	0	0	1	1
46	Kheri	5	4	5	15	11	40
47	Kushinagar	1	3	8	17	33	62
48	Lalitpur	0	0	0	1	5	6
49	Lucknow	25	8	6	38	99	176
50	Mahoba	0	0	0	2	0	2
51	Mahrajganj	0	1	6	18	21	46
52	Mainpuri	0	0	1	13	2	16
53	Mathura	4	1	1	13	4	23
54	Mau	1	3	0	13	7	24

55	Meerut	26	18	0	3	34	81
56	Mirzapur	3	5	5	3	4	20
57	Moradabad	0	0	3	9	1	13
58	Muzaffarnagar	9	5	1	18	8	41
59	Pilibhit	1	0	2	5	3	11
60	Pratapgarh	0	1	0	6	7	14
61	Prayagraj	2	3	7	11	31	54
62	Rae Bareli	2	0	2	3	6	13
63	Rampur	2	3	3	2	12	22
64	Saharanpur	8	2	0	12	32	54
65	Sambhal	1	2	3	9	4	19
66	Sant Kabir Nagar	0	0	2	1	6	9
67	Shahjahanpur	1	0	5	8	9	23
68	Shamli	1	2	2	9	2	16
69	Shrawasti	0	0	0	1	0	1
70	Siddharthnagar	0	1	1	7	6	15
71	Sitapur	10	3	6	12	13	44
72	Sonbhadra	1	0	3	5	3	12
73	Sultanpur	0	0	2	3	7	12
74	Unnao	1	0	1	5	7	14
75	Varanasi	10	4	8	14	18	54
	Grand Total		135	199	695	813	2036
