

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 625  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**Jan Aushadhi Kendras in West Bengal**

**625. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:**

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

- (a) the features and guidelines for setting up Jan Aushadhi Kendras under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJAP) scheme;
- (b) the present status of Jan Aushadhi Kendras set up to provide medicines at affordable price in the State of West Bengal and the details of such centres including in rural backward areas, district-wise;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under PMBJAP so far in West Bengal;
- (d) the details of the number of medicines being provided under such kendras; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centres in West Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) implemented by the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), a registered society under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, an individual having D. Pharma/B. Pharma degree holder himself or any individual/organization who has employed D. Pharma/B. Pharma degree holder for getting drug license from concerned State Government, is eligible to open Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK). The requirements for applying to open PMBJK are as under:

- i. Minimum 120 sq. ft. space duly supported by proper documents.
- ii. Registration details of the pharmacist with State Pharmacy Council.
- iii. Applicants under category of women entrepreneurs, divyang, SC and ST have to submit suitable certificate/proof from respective authorities along with undertaking.

The incentive provided to the Kendra owners under the scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 2.50 lakh to up to Rs. 5.00 lakh to be given @ 15% of monthly purchases made, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month. Further, one-time additional incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh (as reimbursement for IT & infrastructure expenditure) is provided to the PMBJP Kendras opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and backward areas mentioned as aspirational district by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneur, Divyang and SC & ST.

(b): Till 30.11.2022, about 8916 PMBJKs have been opened across the country, of which 222 Kendras have been opened in West Bengal. District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in the state of West Bengal is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(c): The details of the funds allocated and utilized under PMBJP in the entire country during the last three years including current financial year 2022-23 is as under: -

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds Sanctioned (Rs. In Cr.)</b>	<b>Funds Allocated (Rs. In Cr.)</b>	<b>Funds Utilized (Rs. In Cr.)</b>
2020-21	65.00	65.00	65.00
2021-22	68.50	68.50	68.50
2022-23 (Till 30.11.2022)	72.50	54.37 (till 30.11.2022)	36.68 (till 30.11.2022)

No State/UT-wise specific budget allocation made under the scheme

(d): The product basket of PMBJP presently comprises of 1,759 medicines and 280 surgical devices which are available for sale through about 8,916 PMBJKs opened across the country. In addition, various nutraceutical and some AYUSH products have also been added in the product basket of the Pariyojana.

(e): Government has set a target of opening 10,500 PMBJKs by March 2025. The set target will be achieved by the PMBI for which efforts are being made to open PMBJKs at block level. Recently, PMBI has invited online applications from more than 3500 blocks of the country for opening of PMBJKs including **263** blocks of **22** districts of West Bengal.

Annexure

Statement referred to in part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 625 for answer on 09.12.2022 raised by SHRI DILIP GHOSH regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras in West Bengal

<b>District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in West Bengal till 30.11.2022</b>		
<b>S. NO.</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Number of PMBJKs</b>
1	24 Paraganas North	36
2	24 Paraganas South	12
3	Alipurduar	5
4	Bankura	4
5	Birbhum	2
6	Coochbehar	10
7	Darjeeling	5
8	Dinajpur Dakshin	1
9	Dinajpur Uttar	8
10	Hooghly	26
11	Howrah	13
12	Jalpaiguri	9
13	Jhargram	1
14	Kalimpong	1
15	Kolkata	34
16	Maldah	5
17	Medinipur East	8
18	Medinipur West	5
19	Murshidabad	4
20	Nadia	7
21	Paschim Bardhaman	11
22	Purba Bardhaman	13
23	Purulia	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>222</b>

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