

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3806  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

**3806. SHRI TAPIR GAO:**

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

- (a) whether the Janaushadhi Scheme has been able to deliver the intended benefits to the citizens of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Jan Aushadhi Kendras are available across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the mechanism by which one can locate the nearest Jan Aushadhi store in the country;
- (e) whether there is any requirement of an ID Card for purchasing medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country; and (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b): With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all, *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India. Under the scheme, about 9,668 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened as on 31.07.2023. About 10-12 lakh people visit these Kendras on an average daily basis. The prices of *Janaushadhi* medicines are generally 50%-90% less than that of branded medicines, which has resulted in estimated savings of more than Rs. 20,000 crore to the citizens during the last nine years. Further, the scheme has also provided good source of self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings.

(c) & (d): Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of the Scheme maintains a mobile application namely '*Janaushadhi Sugam*', which has various user-friendly options, including features to locate nearby *Janaushadhi Kendras* through Google map, search *Janaushadhi* generic medicines, compare prices of Generic with Branded medicines in terms of MRP & overall savings, etc.

(e) & (f): No ID Card is required for purchasing medicines from *Janaushadhi Kendras* in the country.

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