

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3789
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August, 2023

Growth of PMBJP

3789. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there has been substantial growth of the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojna in the country during the last nine years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether there has been an increase in the product basket or PMBJP scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any mechanism has been adopted by the Government to ensure availability of medicines in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of mechanism adopted by the Government for publicity of the PMBJP and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make general public aware about the affordability of the medicines in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There has been substantial growth in number of Kendras under the *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) from about 80 Kendras in 2014-15 to more than 9,600 Kendras by July, 2023. Similarly, the sales have increased from about Rs. 7.29 cr. to Rs. 1235.95 cr in the last nine years. Financial year-wise figures are as under:

Year	Number of PMBJP Kendras opened (cumulative by end of year)	Sales at MRP Value in Crore during the year (in Rs crore)
2014-2015	80	7.29
2015-2016	269	12.16
2016-2017	1080	32.66
2017-2018	3306	140.84
2018-2019	5140	315.70
2019-2020	6306	433.61
2020-2021	7557	665.83
2021-2022	8610	893.56
2022-2023	9304	1235.95
2023-2024 (as on 31.07.2023)	9668	450.08

(c): The product basket of PMBJP has increased from 361 medicines in 2014-15 to 1,800 medicines and 285 surgical devices at present which cover all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anit-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc. Various nutraceutical and some AYUSH products have been added in the product basket.

(d): In order to ensure adequate availability of medicines at *Janaushadhi Kendras*, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the Implementing Agency of the Scheme has set up a strong network of four warehouses and 36 distributors across the country and has implemented an Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system and SAP based inventory management system.

(e): PMBI promotes the scheme through advertisements in Print Media, Radio, TV, cinema, outdoor publicity as well as through social media. Further, *Jan Aushadhi Diwas* is celebrated every year on 7th March for further dissemination and spreading awareness about the scheme.
