GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 56 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February, 2024

Jan Aushadhi Kendras

56. SHRIMATI DIMPLE YADAV: SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI: SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

- (a) the present status of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) set up in the country, State/UT-wise including Mainpuri in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to open JAKs in every village across the country and if so, the details thereof and action plan formulated to increase their number in rural areas, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the timeline fixed for opening JAKs in rural areas of the country and the estimated financial outlay for the said purpose;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) so far across the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (e) the impact of PMBJP along with the targets set and achieved across the country; and
- (f) whether the Government is planning to include more medicines under the said scheme, if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the functioning of PMBJPs?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), 10454 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened till 31.12.2023 across the country covering 754 districts out of 785 districts of the country, of which 07 PMBJKs opened in Mainpuri District of Uttar Pradesh. State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs opened across the country till 31.12.2023 is enclosed as **Annexure.**
- (b) & (c): Government has set a target to open 25000 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) by 31st March, 2026 across the country. PMBI has invited online applications from all districts of the country. This process will facilitate opening of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in block as well as district level.
- (d): There is no State/UT- wise specific allocations made under the scheme.
- (e): In the last 9 years, sale of medicines done through Kendras has led to estimated savings of more than Rs. 28,000 crore to the citizens as compared to the branded medicines.

Further, PMBJP is also providing good source of self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings and generated employment at various levels. This has provided direct source of sustainable employment for more than 21000 educated unemployed youths of the country by engaging them in the scheme.

Moreover, on an average 10-12 lakh people visit Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) daily and avail substantial benefits by saving their money.

As per the extant Vision targets, about 10,000 Kendras are to be opened in the country by 31.03.2024. Against the same, 10454 Kendras have been opened till 31.12.2023.

(f): The product basket of PMBJP comprises 1965 medicines and 293 surgicals/ consumables covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anit-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, etc. In addition to this, various nutraceutical products like Protein Powder, Malt-based Food Supplements, etc. and some AYUSH products like Ayuraksha Kit, Balraksha Kit and Ayush-64 tablet as Immunity boosters have been added in the product basket of the Pariyojana which is being made available through selected Kendras.

To improve the functioning of the Scheme, Information Technology (IT) enabled Endto-End supply chain system with Point-of-Sale (POS) application for value added services has been implemented in PMBJP. Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of PMBJP has Central and Regional Warehouses situated at Gurugram, Bengaluru, Chennai, Guwahati and Surat to supply the drugs and surgical at Jan Aushadhi kendras, across the country. In addition to this, there are 36 State level distributors across the country to supply medicines to all Jan Aushadhi kendras.

Further, a mobile application "Janaushadhi Sugam" has also been launched for facilitating the general public by providing a digital platform at the tip of their fingers, by virtue of which they can avail a host of user-friendly options like - locate nearby PMBJK (direction guided through Google Maps), search Jan Aushadhi medicines, analyse product comparison of Generic vs Branded medicine in the form of MRP & overall Savings, etc.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 56 for answer on 02.02.2024 raised by SHRIMATI DIMPLE YADAV, SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI, SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO, DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras

State/UT- wise list of PMBJKs opened till 31.12.2023		
S. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of PMBJKs opened
1	Andaman & Nicobar	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	222
3	Arunachal Pradesh	31
4	Assam	123
5	Bihar	514
6	Chandigarh	11
7	Chhattisgarh	220
8	Delhi	415
9	Goa	13
10	Gujarat	624
11	Haryana	291
12	Himachal Pradesh	66
13	Jammu and Kashmir	255
14	Jharkhand	101
15	Karnataka	1158
16	Kerala	975
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadeep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	332
20	Maharashtra	587
21	Manipur	38
22	Meghalaya	18
23	Mizoram	12
24	Nagaland	20
25	Odisha	488
26	Puducherry	24
27	Punjab	343
28	Rajasthan	237
29	Sikkim	6
30	Tamil Nadu	902
31	Telangana	192
32	DNH & D&D	35
33	Tripura	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	1595
35	Uttarakhand	228
36	West Bengal	342
Total		10, 454

^{*} Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of UT of Lakshwadeep