

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *221
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th July, 2019

Branded and Generic Medicines

†*221. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

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

- (a) the difference in price between branded and generic medicines along with the details of the mechanism for fixation of price of branded medicines manufactured by the companies;
- (b) whether the companies are at liberty to fix the prices of branded medicines and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of medicine stores opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana to provide generic medicines to the patients during the last five years, State-wise;
- (d) whether medicines are not available in the generic medicine centres due to which patients are forced to buy branded medicines; and
- (e) the details of the amount spent for the publicity of the said scheme during the above period?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *221 for answer on 09/07/2019 regarding Branded and Generic Medicines

(a) & (b): The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) fixes the ceiling price of scheduled medicines specified in the first schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO. All manufacturers of scheduled medicines (branded or generic) have to sell their products within the ceiling price (plus applicable local taxes) fixed by the NPPA. A manufacturer is at liberty to fix the maximum retail price of a non-scheduled formulation (branded or generic) launched by it. However, as per the DPCO, the manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are not allowed to increase the maximum retail price of such formulations by more than 10 % per annum.

The medicines sold under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) are generic and normally cheaper by 50-90% of average price of top 3 brands of corresponding medicines.

(c): In last five years i.e. from 01.04.2014 to 31.03.2019, total 5028 PMBJP kendras were opened across the country. The state-wise breakup of this information is given at Annexure.

(d): The product basket of PMBJP currently comprises 900 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumable items. Out of this product basket, 714 medicines and 53 surgicals are presently available for sale at PMBJP kendras. The purchase orders for procurement of 24 medicines and 90 surgical items have already been issued and these medicines / surgicals will be available for sale at PMBJP kendras in next two months. For 162 medicines and 11 surgical items, no bids were received in last two tenders. Floating tenders for required medicines is an ongoing process.

(e): The details of the amount of money spent on the publicity of PMBJP during the last 5 years are as follows:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Amount (Rs. Cr)
1.	2014-15	0.52
2.	2015-16	0.94
3.	2016-17	2.61
4.	2017-18	4.74
5.	2018-19	6.60

State-wise breakup of PMBJP kendras opened from 01.04.2014 to 31.03.2019							
Sl. No.	Name of the State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	2	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	53	81	45	179
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	14	10	0	24
4	Assam	0	0	16	36	24	76
5	Bihar	0	1	3	99	46	149
6	Chandigarh	0	0	1	0	1	2
7	Chhattisgarh	0	108	36	51	11	206
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	7	6	13
9	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	3	1	4
10	Delhi	0	4	6	29	35	74
11	Goa	0	0	0	0	8	8
12	Gujarat	0	7	82	159	227	475
13	Haryana	1	2	17	58	61	139
14	Himachal Pradesh	0	2	5	14	26	47
15	Jammu and Kashmir	5	0	5	17	21	48
16	Jharkhand	0	0	8	28	10	46
17	Karnataka	0	1	27	256	191	475
18	Kerala	0	3	157	167	123	450
19	Madhya Pradesh	1	2	16	44	71	134
20	Maharashtra	1	11	41	140	126	319
21	Manipur	0	0	0	35	0	35
22	Meghalaya	0	0	0	1	0	1
23	Mizoram	1	0	2	5	9	17
24	Nagaland	0	0	11	0	4	15
25	Odisha	1	1	5	47	72	126
26	Puducherry	0	0	0	11	3	14
27	Punjab	0	2	3	57	66	128
28	Rajasthan	0	1	20	68	31	120
29	Sikkim	0	0	0	2	0	2
30	Tamil Nadu	0	0	38	253	207	498
31	Telangana	0	1	16	61	34	112
32	Tripura	3	3	1	14	2	23
33	Uttar Pradesh	1	5	122	380	299	807
34	Uttarakhand	0	0	16	79	66	161
35	West Bengal	0	0	4	52	43	99
	Total	14	154	725	2264	1871	5028

*The administration of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep is directly procuring PMBJP medicines from the Bureau of Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) and provides these medicines free-of-cost to the public.

