

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3694  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

**Availability of Drugs at Janaushadi Kendras**

**3694. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:  
MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:  
SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:  
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRI SANJAY SETH:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:  
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

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

- (a) the details of availability and consumption of various types of drugs/generic medicine available at the Janaushadhi Kendras and the difference in their price compared to that of other chemist shops;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojna (PMBJP) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved its set target in opening Janaushadhi Kendras in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of funds allocated and utilised under the PMBJP across the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the details of various events and activities conducted on the occasion of fourth Janaushadi Diwas; and
- (f) whether more Janaushadhi Kendras are proposed to be opened to cater to the need of cheap and affordable medicines to the poor people in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): The product basket of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) comprises of about 1,616 medicines and 250 surgical devices, which are available for sale through more than 8,600 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) functional across the country. The product basket covers all major therapeutic groups such as cardiovascular, anti-cancers, anti-diabetics, anti-infectives, anti-allergic, gastro-intestinal

medicines, nutraceuticals, etc. A medicine under the Scheme is priced on principle of a maximum of 50% of the average price of the top three branded medicines. Therefore, the price of Jan Aushadhi Medicines is cheaper at least by 50% and in some cases, by 80% to 90% of the market price of branded medicines.

(b) and (c): In a month, around 1.25 to 1.50 crore people on an average purchase medicine from more than 8,600 PMBJKs across the country. The annual targets of opening of PMBJKs under the scheme have been achieved within prescribed timelines. The target of having 8,300 PMBJKs by the end of the current financial year, i.e., 2021-22 has already been achieved in the month of September, 2021. As on 28.02.2022, about 8,689 PMBJKs have been opened, covering all districts of the country. State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs is attached as **Annexure**.

(d): The details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the scheme for the financial years 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as under:

<b>(Rs. In cr.)</b>		
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds Allocated</b>	<b>Funds Utilized</b>
2019-20	35.51	35.51
2020-21	65.00	65.00
2021-22 (as on 28.02.2022)	68.50	64.65

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

(e): The 4<sup>th</sup> Jan Aushadhi Diwas was celebrated from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. During the week-long celebration, various events were organized in coordination with PMBJKs owners, Beneficiaries, States/UTs officials, Public Representatives, Doctors, Health Workers, Nurses, Pharmacists, Jan Aushadhi Mitras and other stakeholders. The day wise activities organized across the country are as under:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
01.03.2022	Jan Aushadhi Sankalp Padyatra
02.03.2022	Matri Shakti Samman / Swabhiman
03.03.2022	Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra
04.03.2022	Jan Aushadhi Jan Jagran Abhiyan
05.03.2022	Aao Jan Aushadhi Mitra Bane
06.03.2022	Jan Aushadhi Jan Arogya Mela (Health Checkup camps)
07.03.2022	Jan Aushadhi Diwas

The main event of 'Jan Aushadhi Diwas' was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, wherein the Hon'ble Prime Minister interacted through video conferencing with beneficiaries and kendra owners at various locations as well as addressed the citizens.

(f): The Government has set a target to open 10,500 PMBJKs by March 2025, across the country.

**Annexure**

**Statement referred to in parts (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3694 for answer on 25.03.2022 regarding Availability of Drugs at Janaushadhi Kendras**

<b>State/UT-wise list of PMBJK's opened across the country till 28.02.2022</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>Number of PMBJK opened</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	168
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28
4	Assam	89
5	Bihar	286
6	Chandigarh	7
7	Chhattisgarh	241
8	Delhi	383
9	Goa	10
10	Gujarat	522
11	Haryana	239
12	Himachal Pradesh	64
13	Jammu And Kashmir	126
14	Jharkhand	78
15	Karnataka	967
16	Kerala	986
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	244
20	Maharashtra	630
21	Manipur	35
22	Meghalaya	15
23	Mizoram	22
24	Nagaland	16
25	Odisha	354
26	Puducherry	19
27	Punjab	306
28	Rajasthan	143
29	Sikkim	3
30	Tamil Nadu	869
31	Telangana	163
32	DNH & D&D	37
33	Tripura	24
34	Uttar Pradesh	1193
35	Uttarakhand	217
36	West Bengal	194
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8,689</b>

\* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of UT of Lakshadweep

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