

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 689  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

**689. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:  
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:  
SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the target of opening up of 10,500 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Telangana along with the timeframe to achieve the same;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the existing JAKs are not sufficient to meet the requirements of poor, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered opening of JAK in every Government hospital at the primary level, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that incentives given to JAK owners are not sufficient and have been urging for enhancing the same, if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to enhance such incentives; and
- (e) whether the Government has considered extending one-time incentive of Rs. 2 lakhs to OBC entrepreneurs as is being given to SC, ST, women, divyang, etc., if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): As on 30.11.2022, about 8,916 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country. The target of opening 10,500 PMBJKs in the country is to be achieved by March 2025. There is, however, no state specific target for opening of PMBJKs. State/UT- wise list of PMBJKs opened across the country, including in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Telangana, is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(b): Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of the scheme strive to extend the reach of the scheme by opening more Kendras as well as by enlarging the product basket for meeting the needs of the citizens. Online applications have been recently invited by PMBI from more than 3,500 blocks of 404 districts so as to further widen the network.

(c): Department of Pharmaceuticals/ PMBI periodically requests State /UT Governments/ District administrations to provide rent free space in Community Health Centre (CHC)/Primary Health Centre (PHC)/ Government Hospitals for opening PMBJP kendras.

(d) & (e): The incentive provided to the Kendra owners under the scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 2.50 lakh to up to Rs. 5.00 lakh to be given @ 15% of monthly purchases made, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month. Further, one-time additional incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh (as reimbursement for IT & infrastructure expenditure) is provided to the PMBJP Kendras opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and backward areas mentioned as aspirational district by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneur, Divyang and SC & ST. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration for extending the one-time additional incentive to OBC entrepreneurs.

**Annexure**

Statement referred to in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 689 for answer on 09.12.2022 raised by SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU, DR. G. RANJITH REDDY, SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA, SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras

<b>State/UT-wise list of PMBJK's opened across the country till 30.11.2022</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>Number of PMBJKs opened</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	142
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29
4	Assam	105
5	Bihar	341
6	Chandigarh	8
7	Chhattisgarh	199
8	Delhi	383
9	Goa	11
10	Gujarat	513
11	Haryana	221
12	Himachal Pradesh	60
13	Jammu and Kashmir	216
14	Jharkhand	81
15	Karnataka	1010
16	Kerala	974
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	269
20	Maharashtra	634
21	Manipur	35
22	Meghalaya	16
23	Mizoram	12
24	Nagaland	19
25	Odisha	371
26	Puducherry	20
27	Punjab	310
28	Rajasthan	142
29	Sikkim	3
30	Tamil Nadu	842
31	Telangana	175
32	DNH & D&D	35
33	Tripura	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	1259
35	Uttarakhand	223
36	West Bengal	222
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8916</b>

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

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