

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 890
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2025

Quality of Medicines in JAKs

†890. Smt. Sanjna Jatav:

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

- (a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) operational in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government has established any mechanism to assess the medicines supplied by Jan Aushadhi Kendras, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many of the medicines supplied through Jan Aushadhi Kendras are substandard and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether it is a fact that many poor people of SC/ST and OBC are not aware of the facilities being provided in Jan Aushadhi Kendras; and (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to launch awareness drive for the people in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana scheme, a total of 481 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened in the State of Rajasthan.

(b): For smooth supply and product availability at Jan Aushadhi Kendras, an end-to-end IT-enabled supply chain system has been established. It comprises one central warehouse at Gurugram and four regional warehouses at Bengaluru, Guwahati, Chennai and Surat. Further, 36 distributors have been appointed across the country to strengthen the supply chain system.

Availability of 400 fast-moving products is monitored regularly to ensure their availability. Further, a minimum stocking mandate has been implemented for 200 medicines consisting of 100 top-selling medicines in the scheme product basket and 100 fast-selling medicines in the market. Under the stocking mandate, the Jan Aushadhi Kendra owners become eligible for claiming incentive on the basis of stocks of the said 200 medicines maintained by them.

(c): No, sir. Stringent measures as specified below are in place to ensure that the medicines supplied through Jan Aushadhi Kendras meet standards:

- (i) Medicines are procured only from suppliers certified for World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP).

- (ii) Each batch of drugs supplied under the scheme is tested at laboratories accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and only after passing quality tests, medicines are dispatched to Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- (iii) Quality audit of the facilities of vendors is routinely done by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India.

(d) and (e): It is estimated that about 10 to 12 lakh consumers buy medicines daily from Jan Aushadhi Kendras, which indicates a high level of awareness among the public. To further spread awareness about the scheme, the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India, the scheme implementing agency, on an ongoing basis, takes, among other things, the following measures:

- (i) Issuance of advertisements in various modes, such as the print media, radio, TV, cinema, hoardings, branding of bus queue shelters and buses, auto wrapping and TV screens at Common Service Centres;
- (ii) Outreach through social media platforms, such as Facebook, X, Instagram and YouTube; and
- (iii) Celebration of Jan Aushadhi Diwas on the 7th of March every year.
