

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2074
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2025**

PMBJAKs at Railway Stations

2074. Shri Y S Avinash Reddy:

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

- (a) the manner in which the new Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJAKs) ensure the availability of quality, affordable medicines for passengers at railway stations;
- (b) whether these Kendras ensure availability of medicines, especially in rural and remote areas where access to healthcare facilities is limited; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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 106 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened at railway stations across the country till 30.6.2025 to ensure availability of quality, affordable medicines to public, including passengers, at railway stations.

(b) and (c): A total of 16,912 JAKs have been opened till 30.6.2025 across the country, of which 8,660 JAKs have been opened in rural areas. To increase access in rural areas, the scheme has partnered with the Ministry of Cooperation for the opening of JAKs by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies and other cooperative societies.

On the average, about 10 to 12 lakh persons visit these Kendras daily and avail of quality medicines at affordable prices across the country, including in rural and remote areas. As a result of the scheme, in the last 11 years, estimated savings of about ₹38,000 crore have accrued to citizens in comparison to the prices of branded medicines, across the country, including in rural and remote areas.

For smooth supply and product availability at JAKs across the country, including in rural and remote areas, an end-to-end IT-enabled supply chain system has been established, which comprises one central warehouse, four regional warehouses and 39 distributors appointed. Further, 400 fast-moving Janaushadhi products are monitored regularly to ensure their availability. In addition, a minimum stocking mandate has been implemented for 200 Janaushadhi products consisting of the 100 top-selling Janaushadhi products in the scheme product basket and 100 fast-selling Janaushadhi products in the market. Under the stocking mandate, JAK owners become eligible for claiming incentive based on stocks of the said 200 products maintained by them.
