

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present eight fertilizer public sector plants have been lying closed. Out of these closed plants presently five plants namely Talcher, Ramagundam, Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni are being revived by setting up Ammonia-Urea plants of 1.27 million metric tonne per annum (MMTPA) capacity each.

(c) Gorakhpur and Sindri units of Fertilizer Corporation of India limited (FCIL) and Barauni unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) are being revived by means of Special Purpose Vehicle of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) through nomination route. A Joint Venture (JV) Company named "Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL)" comprising of National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and FCIL/HFCL has been formed.

Talcher Unit of FCIL is being revived on 'Nomination basis' by a Consortium of PSUs namely Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF), GAIL(India) Limited, CIL and FCIL. A JV Company named "Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL)" has been formed.

Ramagundam unit of FCIL is being revived on nomination basis by consortium of PSUs namely Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and FCIL. A JV Company named "Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited" has been formed.

Expected date of operationalization of these plants are as under:—

Fertilizer Plant	Expected month of operationalization
Talcher	December, 2020
Ramagundam	November, 2018
Gorakhpur	August, 2020
Sindri	September, 2020
Barauni	October, 2020

#### **Range of generic medicines available at Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

1499. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had opened a few Jan Aushadhi Kendras at Government hospitals, in collaboration with State Governments, Red Cross Society and NGOs in last three years;

(b) whether the number of such Kendras were to be increased gradually to make available the basic medicines to the people at lower prices;

(c) whether in the existing Kendras, the range of medicines available is very limited comprising antibiotics, analgesics; and

(d) the current programme of Government to spread wide network of such Kendras as also to keep in stock the entire range of generic medicines with them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) As on 25.07.2017, out of 2052 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras', 400 PMBJP Kendras are functional at Government hospitals in collaboration with State Government, Red Cross Society and NGOs.

(b) Yes Sir. The status of the functional PMBJP Kendras during the last three years are as under:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	As on 25.07.2017
99	269	1080	2052

(c) Presently, the product basket of the PMBJP having more than 600 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables covering major therapeutic segments like Anti-infectives, Anti-diabetics, Anti-cancers, Cardiovasculars, Gastro-intestinal medicines, etc.

(d) As on 25.07.2017, 2052 PMBJP Kendras have been opened in 31 States/UTs across the country. Government is also endeavouring to cover all States/UTs and Districts across the country by opening PMBJP Kendras. At present, the product basket of the scheme covers more than 600 medicines, 154 surgicals and consumables covering all the therapeutic groups such as Anti-infectives, Anti-diabetics, Cardiovasculars, Anti-cancers, Gastro-intestinal medicines, etc.

#### **Direct Benefit Transfer scheme for fertilizer subsidy**

1500. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed deadline for the National launch of Direct Benefit Transfers for fertilizer subsidies;

(b) whether all preparations, including installation of PoS machines, have been completed for this purpose; and

(c) if not, by when all these preparations will be completed to avoid glitches and inconvenience to the farmers?