

Loss making Janaushadhi Kendras

1171. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the 3000 Janaushadhi Kendras are suffering losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure better functioning of the Janaushadhi Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Government has taken various steps to ensure better functioning of 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' as under:

- (i) The product basket of PMBJP expanded to cover more than 700 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables covering all major therapeutic groups.
- (ii) Medicines, surgicals and consumables are procured from more than 150 private drug manufacturers and surgical suppliers which are World Health Organization (WHO) – Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) compliant for ensuring continuous supply and best quality of the products under the scheme.
- (iii) Each batch of drugs is tested at laboratories accredited by 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories' (NABL). Only after passing the quality tests, the medicines are dispatched to PMBJP Kendras.
- (iv) 8 Carrying and Forwarding (C&F) Agents and 53 Distributors are appointed in different parts of the country to supply PMBJP products to PMBJP Kendras across the country.
- (v) An end-to-end supply chain system has recently been introduced for making available full range of medicines directly from Central Ware House (CWH) of Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) (the implementing agency of PMBJP) to PMBJP Kendras to save time and cost. In this system, each PMBJP Kendra can place its order directly to CWH to get direct supply of medicines.