

‘Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras’ are functional in the country. Location-wise details of 4677 PMBJP Kendras are available at <http://www.janaushadhi.gov.in/StoreDetails.aspx>.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) In addition to 47 PMBJP Kendras functional in Himachal Pradesh as on 31.12.2018, 2 more PMBJP Kendras are proposed to be opened in Government Hospitals in Lahaul Spiti and Kinnaur districts of Himachal Pradesh.

(d) Out of 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh, 10 districts have been covered by opening of PMBJP Kendras. Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) (the implementing agency of PMBJP) is pursuing the matter of opening PMBJP Kendras in two uncovered districts *i.e.* Lahaul Spiti and Kinnaur with Government of Himachal Pradesh. Letters have been written to Chief Medical Officers (Zonal Hospital) and District Magistrates of the two districts. A letter was also written to Principal Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) of Government of Himachal Pradesh. In addition, BPPI had also invited applications in July, 2018 from interested applicants for opening PMBJP Kendras in uncovered blocks of Himachal Pradesh.

Pending fertilizer subsidy payment

2604. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of fertilizer subsidy is pending for payment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when and the manner in which this backlog payments can be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) No Sir, the Government of India is releasing subsidy to the fertilizer companies on regular basis subject to availability of budget. The status showing the payment of subsidy and the pendency as on 31.12.2018 is given in the Statement (*See* below). The backlog of pendency will be cleared from the balance funds available during the current financial year 2018-19 and the remaining pendency will be cleared on receipt of additional funds.

Statement

*The status of payment of subsidy on fertilizers and pendency as on
31.12.2018*

(₹ in crores)				
Scheme	BE	Expenditure as on 31.12.2018	Balance Funds Available	Pendency as on 31.12.2018
Indigenous P&K	15,820.35	13642.51	2,177.84	3,675.53
Imported P&K	9,260.00	8776.10	483.90	5,963.75
Indigenous Urea	34,989.50	29067.12	5,922.38	11,293.26
Imported Urea	13,360.00	8890.92	4,469.08	2,341.16
City Compost	10.00	7.14	2.86	9.96
TOTAL	73,439.85	60,383.79	13,056.06	23,283.66

Measures to ensure availability of quality medicines at affordable price

2605. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIHAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking measures to ensure that quality medicines are available at affordable prices for all, particularly the poor and disadvantaged in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has opened sufficient number of Jan Aushadi Kendras in all the hospitals;

(c) if so, the number of outlets of Jan Aushadi Medical Stores opened during the last three years, State-wise and district-wise; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaints regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras and its unavailability at so many places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes Sir. In order to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP) was launched by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. Under this scheme, dedicated outlets known as PMBJP Kendras are opened. Through these outlets, good quality unbranded generic medicines are sold at very affordable prices. As on 31.12.2018, 4677 PMBJP Kendras are functional across the country.