

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1784
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th December, 2021

Benefits of Janaushadhi Kendras

1784 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras operative in the country;
- (b) the details of cost differential in the medicines provided through Janaushadhi Kendras;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that many doctors do not prescribe or write in their prescription the generic name of the medicine; and
- (d) the steps Government intends to take in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND NEW &
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): As on 07.12.2021, about 8,560 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are functional under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) covering all the districts of the country. State/Union Territory-wise list of PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(b): A medicine under PMBJP is priced on the principle of a maximum of 50% of average price of the top three brands of that medicine. Thus, the price of Jan Aushadhi Medicines is cheaper at least by 50% and in some cases, by 80% to 90% of the market price of the branded medicines. The availability of quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all through PMBJKs has resulted in substantial savings to the patients. An illustrative list comparing the prices of generic medicines under PMBJP and non-generic branded medicines available in the market is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Medicine	PMBJP Price (in Rs.)	Avg. MRP of branded Medicines (in Rs.)	Savings
1	Atorvastatin Tablets IP 10mg	8	58	86%
2	Amlodipine Tablets IP 5mg	5	27	81%
3	Glimepiride Tablets IP 2mg	5	62	92%
4	Metformin Hydrochloride 500mg (Prolonged release) and Glimepiride 1mg Tablets IP	16	69	77%
5	Paracetamol Tablets IP 650 mg	12	28	57%
6	Levocetirizine Tablets IP 5 mg	7	59	88%
7	Gemcitabine Injection IP 200mg	240	1,303	82%
8	Docetaxel Injection IP 80 mg	1,800	15,123	88%

(c) & (d): The erstwhile Medical Council of India vide its Circular No.-MCI-211(2)(Gen.)/2017-Ethics/104728 dated 21.04.2017 has advised all doctors for prescription of Drugs with a generic name. Department has also requested the State Governments time to time for advising the Government Doctors to prescribe generic medicines only.

Statement referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1784 for 14.12.2021 raised by Shri Prakash Javadekar regarding Benefits of Janaushadhi Kendras

State/UT-wise list of PMBJK's functional across the country as on 07.12.2021		
Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of PMBJK functional
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	183
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28
4	Assam	87
5	Bihar	271
6	Chandigarh	7
7	Chhattisgarh	241
8	Delhi	375
9	Goa	10
10	Gujarat	551
11	Haryana	232
12	Himachal Pradesh	63
13	Jammu And Kashmir	119
14	Jharkhand	75
15	Karnataka	955
16	Kerala	950
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	240
20	Maharashtra	623
21	Manipur	33
22	Meghalaya	15
23	Mizoram	22
24	Nagaland	16
25	Odisha	344
26	Puducherry	18
27	Punjab	304
28	Rajasthan	137
29	Sikkim	3
30	Tamil Nadu	861
31	Telangana	158
32	Dadra And Nagar Haveli & Daman And Diu	36
33	Tripura	24
34	Uttar Pradesh	1177
35	Uttarakhand	215
36	West Bengal	182
Grand Total		8,560

* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.
