

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1465
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2022

Janaushadhi Kendras

1465 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras which are functional across the country so far and the number of Janaushadhi Kendras which are functional in Gujarat out of above;
- (b) number of Janaushadhi Kendras aimed to be set up by Government in the future;
- (c) number of generic drugs included in these PM Janaushadhi Kendras by Government;
- (d) whether there is any plan to include drugs for serious diseases like heart stent, transplant, cancer etc. under the category of generic medicines; and
- (e) the number of generic drugs sold on an average in Janaushadhi Kendras during COVID19 pandemic?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) & (b): Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) being implemented by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals about 8,689 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened as on 28th February, 2022 covering all the districts in the country, out of which, 522 PMBJKs have been opened in the State of Gujarat. The Government has set a target to open 10,500 PMBJKs by March 2025 across the country.

(c): The product basket presently comprises of about 1,616 medicines and 250 surgical items covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anti-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc. Further, some AYUSH products are also included in the product basket of the PMBJP as Immunity boosters like Ayuraksha Kit, Balraksha Kit and Ayush-64 tablet, which are being already made available through selected Kendras.

(d): PMBI has already included various medicines in the product basket of PMBJP for serious diseases like Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anti-diabetics, etc.

(e): During the two years of COVID 19 pandemic, the PMBJP achieved a sale of Rs. 665.83 Crore during the financial year 2020-21, which has led to savings of about Rs. 4,000 Crore to the citizens as compared to the branded medicines. During the current financial year, i.e., 2021-22 till 28.02.2022, PMBI has made sales of about Rs. 814.21 Crore which has led to estimated savings of approximately Rs. 4,800 Cr. to the citizens.
