

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th December, 2023

PMBJKs in West Bengal

185 Smt. Mausam Noor:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has details about the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) established in West Bengal since the inception of the scheme, if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (b) whether any financial/special support is provided for setting up of Janaushadhi Kendra in aspirational districts, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry conducts regular quality checks/audits at such stores to ensure good quality medicines for the patients; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), 9998 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country till 31.10.2023, of which 301 Kendras have been opened in West Bengal. District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in the State of West Bengal is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(b): All PMBJK owners are provided an incentive up to Rs. 5.00 lakh @ 15% of monthly purchases made by them, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month. In addition one-time incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh for furniture and fixtures is provided to the PMBJKs opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and areas mentioned as aspirational district by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneur, ex-serviceman, Divyang, SC & ST.

(c) & (d): Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of the scheme, procures medicines only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified suppliers for ensuring quality of the products. Further, each batch of drug is tested at laboratories accredited with ‘National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories’ (NABL) before their dispatch to PMBJKs. Marketing Officers of PMBI periodically inspect PMBJKs to ensure that good quality medicines are provided to the patients.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 185 for answer on 05.12.2023 raised by Smt. Mausam Noor regarding PMBJKs in West Bengal

District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in West Bengal till 31.10.2023		
S. No.	Name of District	No. of PMBJKs
1	24 Paraganas North	49
2	24 Paraganas South	18
3	Alipurduar	5
4	Bankura	10
5	Birbhum	2
6	Coochbehar	11
7	Darjeeling	7
8	Dinajpur Dakshin	1
9	Dinajpur Uttar	9
10	Hooghly	32
11	Howrah	26
12	Jalpaiguri	9
13	Jhargram	1
14	Kalimpong	1
15	Kolkata	41
16	Maldah	6
17	Medinipur East	14
18	Medinipur West	7
19	Murshidabad	6
20	Nadia	7
21	Paschim Bardhaman	18
22	Purba Bardhaman	18
23	Purulia	3
	Total	301
