

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1123
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023

Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

1123 # SHRI VIVEK THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to open Jan Aushadhi Kendras at all Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS); and
- (b) if so, the details of State-wise progress thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (b): Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) have been allowed by the Government to operate Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. PACS functioning as PMBJKs will be able to provide generic medicines at affordable prices to rural citizens. Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide around 1,965 drugs and 293 surgical items at reasonable prices. So far, 4,289 PACS/ cooperative societies have applied online for PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras, out of which 2,293 PACS have been given initial approval by Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), Department of Pharmaceuticals. State-wise status of opening Jan Aushadhi Kendra by PACS is enclosed as **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

State/ UT-wise details of PACS/ Cooperative Societies applied for PMBJK

S. No.	States/UTs	No. of Applications Received	No. of Initial Approvals Given
1	Uttar Pradesh	887	443
2	Maharashtra	416	206
3	Madhya Pradesh	334	211
4	Andhra Pradesh	231	151
5	Karnataka	221	154
6	Bihar	217	105
7	Rajasthan	213	163
8	Assam	193	111
9	Gujarat	172	123
10	Tamil Nadu	164	49
11	Odisha	158	73
12	Punjab	151	89
13	Chhattisgarh	128	29
14	Jharkhand	118	57
15	Jammu and Kashmir	116	77
16	Haryana	112	74
17	Uttarakhand	80	50
18	Arunachal Pradesh	69	20
19	Himachal Pradesh	64	16
20	Mizoram	44	13
21	Telangana	38	9
22	Tripura	28	12
23	West Bengal	21	9
24	Manipur	20	5
25	Puducherry	19	15
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	15	6
27	Meghalaya	12	3
28	DNH & DD	12	4
29	Sikkim	11	10
30	Ladakh	10	2
31	Goa	7	1
32	Nagaland	5	3
33	Lakshadweep	2	0
34	Kerala	1	0
Grand Total		4,289	2,293