

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Availability and Supply of medicines at PMBJP Kendras**

#### **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Chemicals & Fertilizers**

Hon'ble Minister of State for (Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Chemicals & Fertilizers), Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, in written replies in Rajya Sabha today informed the House that 3084 PMBJP Kendras are functional in 33 States/UTs of the country and 656 medicines and 128 surgicals & Consumbles are available in the Central Ware House (CWH) the PMBJP Scheme. Recently, an end-to-end supply chain system has been introduced in the scheme for providing medicines, surgical and consumables from CWH to PMBJP Kendras directly to save time and cost, besides 53 Distributors and 8 Carrying & Forwarding (C&F) Agents appointed in different parts of the country for smooth supply of medicines. The country is self-sufficient in medicines and Government has provided facility for reporting shortage of medicines, if any, by the public through helpline number / Pharma Jan Samadhan / mobile number and twitter handle (<https://twitter.com/india>). The Government is also monitoring about 97,000 Stock Keeping Units (SKUs) based on Pharmatrac data.

He also informed that both generic and branded medicines are treated alike for fixation of ceiling price and DPCO 2013 provides that 16% of price to retailer shall be allowed as a margin to retailer, while fixing ceiling price of scheduled formulations and retail prices of new drugs. The facilities of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country are being utilized to produce quality medicines/vaccines at affordable prices which would also prevent speeding up of new generation communicable diseases in various parts of the country.

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