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Janaushadhi Scheme

With a view to achieve the objective of making available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme' was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India in November, 2008 across the country. The Scheme is being implemented through an agency namely Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), Gurgaon, Haryana which is working under the administrative control of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India. Now, the 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme' has been revisited and renamed as 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP). The Product Basket of the Scheme now contains more than 600 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables at affordable prices in all major therapeutic categories such as Anti-infectives, Anti-diabetics, Cardiovasculars, Anti-cancers, Gastro-intestinal medicines, etc. This Scheme has now taken up an important place in the schemes of the Government and several steps have been taken by the Government to promote the scheme.

In the Budget Speech of 2016-17, opening 3,000 PMBJP Kendras was announced.

As a result of the several actions and initiatives taken by the Government, 2060 PMBJP Kendras are functional in the 31 States/UTs of the country as on 27.07.2017.

This has resulted in substantial savings to common man as prices of generic medicines being sold in the PMBJP Kendras is lower by 50% to 90% of the equivalent branded medicines.

The scheme is administered by the Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI). Details about the scheme and BPPI are available in the website of BPPI namely janaushadhi.gov.in

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