

Minutes of Meeting chaired by ACS (H&ME) to review the functioning of Jan Aushadi Kendras on 2nd November, 2021.

A meeting through virtual mode was held by Additional Chief Secretary (H&ME Department, J&K) on 02.11.2021 at 12:00 PM to review the performance/status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras existing across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Conference Hall, State Health Society, NHM, Old Secretariat, Srinagar.

Present:

1. Director, Health Services, Kashmir
2. Deputy Drugs Controller, Drug & Food Control Organization, Kashmir.
3. CMO's / MS/BMO's (Kashmir Division).
4. Private entrepreneurs.

Conference Hall, Combined Food & Drug Laboratory, Jammu.

Present:

1. Director, Health Services, Jammu
2. State Drugs Controller, Drug & Food Control Organization, J&K (Nodal Officer)
3. CMO's / MS/BMO's (Jammu Division)
4. Project Co-ordinator, PMBI, J&K
5. Private entrepreneurs.

The Project Coordinator, PMBI, J&K gave an overview of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras existing as on date. She explained the mechanism of establishment of Kendras and financial assistance being offered by PMBI to intending applicants (Government / Private Sector). The chair held detailed interaction with the managers of Jan Aushadhi Kendras. After examining the issues/gaps following directions were passed:

Issues	Directions
Shortage of supplies.	As a vast majority of the participants pointed to inadequacies in the supply chain, the project co-ordinator shall ensure that adequate supplies of drugs are made available to the stores. No interruptions in supplies shall occur henceforth as the same can cause unforeseen discomfort to the chronic patients who have to take medicines for longtime. Further, a review of product basket shall be held by the head of institutions on quarterly basis so that inventory of drug molecules is restricted to need based medicines.
Lack of Mass Awareness.	The State Drugs Controller, J&K shall organize mass awareness programmes at district levels to sensitize the stakeholders regarding the benefits of Jan Aushadhi initiatives. The affordability of these medicines as also quality should be the main highlight of such activities. The Directorate of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir shall display

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	<p>hoardings promoting the scheme at prominent places in the Health Institutions.</p> <p>In addition, workshops/conferences shall be organized in all districts for Doctors within November for the purpose.</p>
Need to generate prescriptions in generic names.	<p>The health practitioners of the medical institutions need to be impressed upon to generate prescriptions in generic names only. The Head of Institutions shall appoint a Nodal Officer for carrying out Prescription Audit within the institution. The Nodal officer shall maintain records of Audit carried by him/her. The Director of Health Services, Jammu / Kashmir shall take review of prescription audit on quarterly basis.</p>
Review of existing guidelines.	<p>The Nodal Officer of PMBJAK (State Drugs Controller, J&K) shall prepare a review document in consonance with discussion held so that the constraints expressed by Director of Health Services, Jammu / Kashmir are addressed to their entire satisfaction. The Nodal Officer shall submit the draft guidelines to the Administrative Department, H&ME for taking a final call.</p>
Future expansion	<p>Director Health Services, Jammu / Kashmir shall submit a report regarding feasibility / viability of opening more Jan Aushadhi Kendras in their respective jurisdictions as per patient load. The report should reach the Nodal Officer, PMBJAK by or before 15th November, 2021.</p>

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair.

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State Drugs Controller / Nodal Officer
Drugs & Food Control Organization
J&K (Jammu)

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1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department , Civil Secretariat J&K for favor of information.
2. The Commissioner, FDA (J&K) for favor of information.
3. Distribution to participants as above.


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