

No. PMBI/MKT/2025-261

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परिपत्र / Circular

Subject: Relaxation of minimum-distance norms for establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

In furtherance of the objectives of the *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP), and with a view to enhance public accessibility, equitable distribution, and wider outreach of *Jan Aushadhi Kendras*, especially in densely populated urban agglomerations, it has been decided to incorporate the following modifications in the extant guidelines concerning minimum-distance requirements in the scheme:

- a) **Metropolitan Cities:** In the seven metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad, henceforth, there will be no requirement to maintain minimum distance between any two *Jan Aushadhi Kendras*;
- b) **Million-Plus Cities:** In cities having a population of more than one million as per the latest census, there will be no requirement to maintain any minimum distance, except in cases where any *Jan Aushadhi Kendra* has not completed a period of two years from the date of its opening (i.e., the date of allotment of *Jan Aushadhi Kendra* code), the existing policy of maintaining a minimum distance of one kilometer from such *Jan Aushadhi Kendras* shall continue to apply till expiry of the said period of two years from date of opening of the *Kendra*. The list of the aforesaid million-plus cities, prepared on the basis of Census 2011, is appended herewith as Annexure-1, and the same shall be revised and updated as per the latest available Census data in future.
- c) **Other City / Town:** For any other city/ town, not covered under clauses (a) and (b) above, the existing distance policy, namely, the requirement of maintaining a minimum distance of 1 KM (one kilometer) between any two *Jan Aushadhi Kendra*, shall continue to remain in force without any modification.

2. All officers, officials, and functionaries of the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) are hereby directed to give immediate effect to the provisions of this Circular and ensure strict adherence while processing, sanctioning, and operationalizing new *Jan Aushadhi Kendras* under *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana*.

This circular will be applicable with immediate effect.



(Suvasis Das)
Chief Executive Officer

Encl.: As above

To:

1. All PMBI Officers.
2. All PMBI Field Officers.
3. All PMBJK Owners.

Annexure-1

List of Million-Plus Cities		
Sr No.	Urban Agglomeration/City	Population 2011 (No. in Million)
1	Pune	5.05
2	Surat	4.59
3	Jaipur	3.07
4	Kanpur	2.92
5	Lucknow	2.9
6	Nagpur	2.5
7	Ghaziabad	2.36
8	Indore	2.17
9	Coimbatore	2.15
10	Kochi	2.12
11	Patna	2.05
12	Kozhikode	2.03
13	Bhopal	1.88
14	Thrissur	1.85
15	Vadodara	1.82
16	Agra	1.75
17	Visakhapatnam	1.73
18	Malappuram	1.7
19	Thiruvananthapuram	1.69
20	Kannur	1.64
21	Ludhiana	1.61
22	Nashik	1.56
23	Varanasi	1.44
24	Madurai	1.46
25	Meerut	1.42
26	Vijaywada	1.49
27	Faridabad	1.4
28	Rajkot	1.39
29	Jamshedpur	1.34
30	Jabalpur	1.27
31	Srinagar	1.27
32	Asansol	1.24
33	Vasai-Virar	1.22
34	Dhanbad	1.2
35	Allahabad	1.22
36	Aurangabad	1.19
37	Amritsar	1.18
38	Jodhpur	1.14
39	Ranchi	1.13
40	Raipur	1.12
41	Kollam	1.11
42	Gwalior	1.1
43	Durg-Bhilainagar	1.06
44	Chandigarh	1.02
45	Tiruchirapalli	1.02
46	Kota	1
Total population in million plus cities		80.57