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- These are set up under **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana**, which was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in November 2008.
- **Objective:** To provide quality medicines at affordable prices for all, particularly the poor, so as to reduce out-of-pocket expenses in healthcare.
- They **provide generic drugs**, which are available at lesser prices but are equivalent in quality and efficacy as expensive branded drugs.
- All therapeutic medicines are made available from Jan Aushadhi Stores.
- Jan Aushadhi stores also sell allied medical products commonly sold in chemist shops so as to improve the viability of running the Jan Aushadhi store.
- **Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)** has been established under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Govt. of India, with the support of all the CPSUs for co-coordinating procurement, supply, and marketing of generic drugs through the PMBKs.
- **Who can open a Jan Aushadhi Kendra?**
 - **State Governments** or any organization / reputed NGOs / Trusts / Private hospitals / charitable institutions / Doctors / Unemployed pharmacists/ individual entrepreneurs are eligible to apply for the new Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
 - The applicants shall have to employ one B Pharma / D Pharma degree holder as Pharmacist in their proposed store.

Q1) What is NGO?

An NGO, or Non-Governmental Organization, is a type of organization that operates independently of government control and is typically focused on addressing social, environmental, humanitarian, or developmental issues.

Source: Railways Ministry to establish Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras at railway stations across the country

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