

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.221
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 2016
MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS IN TEA GARDENS' PHCS OF ASSAM**

***221. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of medical equipments in the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the tea gardens of Assam are lying non-functional thereby causing inconvenience to the patients and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism in place to ensure proper maintenance of medical equipments used in those PHCs;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilised for procurement of medical equipments for those PHCs in Assam during the current year; and

(d) the action taken by Government to improve the maintenance of medical equipments in these PHCs?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility of providing health care to its citizens including maintenance of medical equipment is that of the State Governments. However, Under National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to the State Governments/UTs to strengthen their health care system including procurement and maintenance of medical equipment including those of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in tea garden areas of Assam, based on the requirements posed by the State in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

As per information received from the State Government, Bio-Medical equipment have been provided to all the newly constructed PHCs at different Districts including Tea Garden areas and these equipment are presently functional. The Bio-Medical equipment inventory mapping has been completed for all the health facilities of Assam, upto PHC level. The average dysfunctional rate of equipment in all the health facilities including tea garden areas is approximately 25.6%.

(b) Under NHM, 1 Bio-Medical Engineer, 2 Assistant Engineers and 27 Junior Engineer (instrumentation) have been approved for all the districts of Assam since 2013-14 to ensure proper monitoring and maintenance of Bio-Medical equipment installed in various Government health institutions, including tea garden PHCs.

National Guidelines for Bio Medical Equipment Management and Maintenance Program have been shared with all the States/UTs which provide guidance to the States/UTs regarding monitoring and maintenance mechanisms of all the Bio-Medical equipment across the State.

(c) During the FY 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 57.53 crores has been approved under NHM for procurement of equipment in different health facilities including PHCs.

An amount of Rs. 3.65 Cr. have been utilized for procurement of medical equipment including tea gardens PHCs as reported by the State Government of Assam.

(d) As stated at Para No. (b) above, an amount of Rs.10.77 crores has been approved under NHM for Comprehensive Maintenance of Bio-Medical Equipment in all the Health facilities till the level of PHCs in FY 2016-17. As stated above, Guidelines including Request For Proposal for Bio-Medical Equipment have been developed and shared with the States.

As per information received from the State, Bio-Medical Equipments mapping exercise from PHC level to Medical College level has been completed.