

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2186
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2023**

MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL AREAS OF MAHARASHTRA

2186 SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to improve medical infrastructure in rural areas of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether Government has any policy for improving the basic medical services in the rural areas;
- (c) whether the policy has been able to achieve its aims and objectives, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total amount released by Government for improving the rural medical infrastructure and the actual amount spent thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a). The primary healthcare system of the country involves a three-tier system with Sub Health Centre (Rural), Primary Health Centre (Urban and Rural) and Community Health Centre (Urban and Rural).

As per established norms, in rural areas a Sub Health Centre for a population of 5,000 (in plain) and 3000 (in hilly and tribal area), a Primary Health Centre for a population of 30,000 (in plains) and 20,000 (in hilly and tribal areas) and Community Health Centre for a population of 1,20,000 (in plain) and 80,000 (in hilly and tribal area) is suggested. Further, District Hospital (DH), Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and First Referral Unit provide secondary care services for rural & urban area.

National Health Mission (NHM) envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

The Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) has recommended grants through local governments for specific components of the health sector to the tune of Rs 70,051 crores and the same have been accepted by the Union Government. These grants for health through Local Governments will be spread over the five-year period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 and will facilitate strengthening of health system at the grass-root level. Under the FC-XV, approvals have been accorded to

Maharashtra for construction/strengthening of 94 Sub-Health Centres- Health & wellness Centres and 88 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) during Financial Year 2022-23.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) was launched for an amount of Rs.64,180 crore. The measures under the PM-ABHIM focus on developing capacities of health systems and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels, primary, secondary and tertiary, to prepare health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics /disasters. Under PM-ABHIM approvals have been accorded to Maharashtra for construction/strengthening of 7 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs) and 7 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) during Financial Year 2022-23.

As on 31.07.2023, a total of 10,923 Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been operationalized in Maharashtra by upgrading existing SHCs and PHCs to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community.

(b) & (c). As on 31.07.2023, a total of 1,60,480 Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been operationalized in India by upgrading existing SHCs and PHCs to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community. As on 31st July, 2023 more than 186.48 Crore Footfall has been recorded at AB-HWCs. Total 44.03 crore screenings for Hypertension, 38.18 crore screenings for Diabetes, 26.10 crore screenings for Oral Cancer, 12.01 crore screenings for Breast Cancer and 8.28 crore screenings for Cervical Cancer have been carried out at AB-HWCs.

Government of India has taken various steps to improve the medical services in the rural areas are as under:

- ✓ The expanded package comprising 12 services are aimed to be provided by AB-HWCs includes screening, prevention, control and management of non-communicable diseases, care for common eye and ENT problems, basic oral health care, elderly and palliative health care services, emergency medical services and screening and basic management of mental health ailments.
- ✓ Number of essential medicines and essential diagnostics at AB-HWCs have been increased.
- ✓ HWCs are connected through E-Sanjeevni Tele-Consultation to provide specialist consultation in case of need.
- ✓ AB-HWCs ensure continuity of care through appropriate referrals and optimal home and community follow-up.
- ✓ Wellness-related activities like Yoga, meditation, counseling for healthy diet and lifestyle, cycling, annual health days etc celebrated by each AB-HWC.

(d). The total amount approved under "Hospital Strengthening and New Constructions/ Renovation and Setting up of healthcare facilities" under NHM for the FY 2022-23 is Rs. 5,435.82 crore and the actual expenditure is Rs. 3,362.48 crore. Total amount released for the FY 2022-23 under PM-ABHIM is Rs. 1,228.35 crore.