

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH AUGUST, 2023**

“NHM IN PUNJAB”

2199: SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess and monitor progress of national Health Mission (NHM) scheme in Punjab in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has not disbursed the share of State of Punjab under NHM and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any new initiative to strengthen health care system in Punjab on the basis of outcome of the said survey; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d) All the States/UTs have been requested to ensure branding of all Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) in rural and urban areas, as per the design manual shared by MoHFW with all the States/UTs vide D.O.No.Z-15115/11/2017-NHM-I dated 30th May 2018 and reiterated vide D.O.No.Z-28015/105/2020-NHM-1 (Part-II) dated 1st February 2023 and 17th March 2023.

All the States/UTs execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of India as per framework of National Health Mission (NHM) which mandates compliance by the States of the guidelines issued under NHM.

State of Punjab has not taken up the branding of AB-HWCs in their States as per Govt. of India's guidelines and the release of fund to the State is dependent on their compliance with these guidelines.

Further, following initiatives have been taken for strengthening healthcare systems to cater to future healthcare needs:

- **PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crores till 2025-26 envisages increased investments in public health and other health reforms to provide better access to health in rural areas by i) Strengthening of Health and Wellness Centres in villages and cities for early detection of diseases; ii) Addition of new critical care-related beds at district level hospitals; iii) Support for Block Public Health Units (BPHU) in 11 high focus States; and iv) Integrated district public health laboratories in all districts. An amount of Rs. 755.65 Cr has been allocated to the State of Punjab for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 for implementation of PM-ABHIM for establishment of 22 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs) and 21 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs).
- 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. For the State of Punjab, the Commission has recommended Rs 2,131 Cr over the five-year period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.
- The **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country. The Scheme has two components, namely, (i) Setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); and (ii) Upgradation of existing Government Medical Colleges/ Institutions (GMCIs). So far setting up of 22 new AIIMS (**Establishment of One new AIIMS, Bhatinda in Punjab**) and 75 projects of upgradation of GMCIs have been approved under the Scheme in various phases. The setting up of AIIMS contains Medical College, Nursing College, Hospital, Trauma Centre, Emergency, Blood Bank, ICU, Diagnostic & Pathology, Research etc. Upgradation of GMCIs under PMSSY broadly involves construction of Super Speciality Block (SSB) and/ or Trauma Centre/ or other

facilities and/ or procurement of medical equipment. The details of GMCIs approve under PMSSY for Punjab is as under:

| Sl. No. | Name of the GMCIs | Approved Infrastructure |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Government Medical College, Amritsar | Super Specialty Block |
| 2 | Govt. Medical College, Patiala | Super Specialty Block |

- Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), ‘Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals’, establishment of 157 medical colleges has been sanctioned out of which 3 medical colleges are approved in State of Punjab at SAS Nagar, Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur.
