

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 271
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2023**

HEALTH MELAS IN TELANGANA

271 DR. K. LAXMAN:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to organize Health Melas in each parliamentary constituency under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details of the criteria adopted along with the number of such Melas organised during the last three years in the State of Telangana; and
- (c) the funds spent by Government on organizing each such Mela in the State of Telangana during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): To optimize the utilization of healthcare services at sub-health centres & primary health centres, monthly health melas have been organized at all the Ayushman Arogya Mandir (erstwhile AB-HWCs) under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from November 2022. Subsequently, with the launch of Ayushman Bhav campaign on 17th September 2023, weekly Health Melas are organized at all functional Ayushman Arogya Mandir to optimize the uptake of services and create awareness about health & well-being and different healthcare schemes and services. Moreover, weekly Health Melas are also organized by Medical Colleges at the Community health centres (CHCs), in rotation, to ensure increased access to specialist services like Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Surgery, ENT, Eye and Psychiatric etc. at every block to ensure continuum of care. Block health melas (BHM) were conducted across the country in April and May 2022 by Government of India at the block-level. Total 39555 Health Melas (AB-HWC, Ayushman Bhav Campaign, CHC and BHM) have been organized in the State

of Telangana as on 30.11.2023 as per information uploaded by State on MoHFW portals.

Funds are released to States/UTs, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission for organizing Health Melas. As per the operational guidelines of Ayushman Bhav Campaign, untied funds are utilized for organizing Ayushman Melas. Moreover, States/UTs mobilize additional resources through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/local NGOs/ Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR funds)/ Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds etc.