

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2024**

SHORTAGE OF HOSPITALS AND LACK OF RESOURCES IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of hospitals, particularly in rural areas of the country, with many existing hospitals lacking even basic equipment and resources;
- (b) if so, the measures taken to improve the accessibility of healthcare in rural areas;
- (c) the details of hospital beds per 1000 population and the percentage of these beds in rural areas, State-wise;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to increase the number of medical seats in the States; and
- (e) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): 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 proposal in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

As per IPHS norms, Primary Health Centre (PHC) with 6 indoor/ observation beds is to be established to cover 20,000 to 30,000 population, Community Health Centres (CHC) with 30 beds to cover population of 80,000-1,20,000, Sub-District Hospitals with 31-100 beds to cover population of 1,00,000 - 5,00,000 and District Hospital with 101-500 beds to cover population upto 30,00,000.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) (Infrastructure & Human Resources), 2022-23 is an annual publication, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of health facilities functioning in rural areas, available resources, including the shortages can be assessed at the following link of HDI 2022-23:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

Further, as per the report of Health Dynamics of India 2022-23, the States/Union Territories (UTs) wise position of beds at PHC, CHC, Sub District Hospital, District Hospital and Medical Colleges in India as on 31.03.2023 is attached as **Annexure I**.

In 2018, the Government of India announced 1,50,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to be established by December 2022. The existing Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres in both rural and urban areas are transformed into Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free and closer to the community, it will improve the access to quality care in the rural areas.

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.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) is one of the largest Pan-India scheme with an outlay of Rs. 64,180/- crores for strengthening health care infrastructure to effectively manage and respond to any future pandemics and outbreaks across the country. The CSS components of the scheme are implemented by following the existing framework, institutions and mechanisms of the National Health Mission by leveraging the existing institutional structures available at central and State levels.

Further, to improve access to quality healthcare services in remote and rural areas support for Mobile Medical Unit(MMU) is provided to States/UTs, based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), subject to availability of resources. Deployment of MMUs is based on a normal population norm with 1 MMU per 10 lakhs population.

Also, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has developed eSanjeevani, a telemedicine application, which provides doctor to doctor (HWC module) and patient to doctor consultation services (OPD module). This application works on a hub and spoke model. At hub level, a specialist doctor provides services to Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) in rural areas.

(d) to (e) There is an increase of 102% in Medical Colleges in the country from 387 in 2014 to 780 as of now. There is also an increase of 130% in MBBS seats from 51,348 in 2014 to 1,18,137 as of now and increase of 135% in PG seats from 31,185 in 2014 to 73,157 as of now.

Annexure I

NUMBER OF BEDS AT PHC, CHC, SDH, DH & MEDICAL COLLEGES IN INDIA (Rural + Urban)						
S.No.	State/UT	(As on 31st March 2023)				
		PHC	CHC	SUB DISTRICT/ SUB DIVISION AL HOSPITAL	DISTRICT HOSPITAL	MEDICAL COLLEGE
1	Andhra Pradesh	8712	6400	5400	2600	12583
2	Arunachal Pradesh	397	594	N App	1151	350
3	Assam	3166	6218	844	3677	9343
4	Bihar	5596	8039	2459	4575	7251
5	Chhattisgarh	5015	6726	629	3542	4458
6	Goa	183	210	253	600	1342
7	Gujarat	9422	11167	4492	3257	17899
8	Haryana	2183	3079	1581	3647	3660
9	Himachal Pradesh	1005	969	3665	1924	2632
10	Jharkhand	1229	3647	534	3215	2900
11	Karnataka	15112	6500	14530	6174	13712
12	Kerala	5727	6371	8347	15113	7175
13	Madhya Pradesh	8640	10590	9721	16650	5850
14	Maharashtra	18276	15004	7903	4108	16998
15	Manipur	420	365	10	551	1449
16	Meghalaya	1127	867	40	1960	594
17	Mizoram	655	240	70	903	500
18	Nagaland	706	325	N App	1017	N App
19	Odisha	1501	6290	1946	7288	9291
20	Punjab	1688	3711	2509	3931	3160
21	Rajasthan	13866	23820	2500	9474	17131
22	Sikkim	257	28	N App	400	N App
23	Tamil Nadu	10025	12582	21978	7695	29888
24	Telangana	4662	3320	5400	2270	5960
25	Tripura	918	630	900	1260	727
26	Uttarakhand	2111	1699	2035	1511	1850
27	Uttar Pradesh	13548	26157	N App	22812	14726
28	West Bengal	7640	11205	13110	7599	25086

29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	230	210	N App	220	700
30	Chandigarh	23	120	100	527	3096
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	177	132	100	240	589
32	Delhi	12	N App	431	9789	12060
33	Jammu & Kashmir	3955	2769	N App	1862	5420
34	Ladakh	320	190	N App	370	N App
35	Lakshadweep	40	90	70	50	N App
36	Puducherry	185	120	N App	1853	2794
	All India/Total	148729	180384	111557	153815	224176
<i>Note: N App - Not Applicable</i>						