

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 77
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

HEALTH SERVICES IN TRIBAL AREAS

77 SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is doing its best to provide best health services to the tribals;
- (b) whether there is shortage of hospitals and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Odisha; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a): National Health Mission (NHM) envisages universal access to equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs by supporting the States/UTs in providing financial and technical support for accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections in urban, rural, and tribal/hilly areas.

Under the NHM, there is a relaxation in norms for tribal areas for addressing the need-based intervention in terms of healthcare infrastructure and human resources, which is as follows:

- I. The population norms for setting up health facilities in tribal areas have been relaxed from 5,000, 30,000 and 1,20,000 to 3000, 20,000 and 80,000 for setting up of Sub Health Centre (SHC), Primary Health Centre (PHC) and Community Health Centre (CHC) respectively in tribal and hilly areas;
- II. Against the norm of one ASHA per 1000 population in normal areas, one ASHA is permitted per habitation in Tribal/hilly and difficult areas; and
- III. Against the norm of 2 Mobile Medical Units (MMU) per district in plains, 4 MMUs per district are permitted in tribal/ hilly/ inaccessible/ remote and hard to reach areas.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), launched on 15th November, 2023 by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), further relaxation in NHM norms has been provided up to 10 MMUs per district with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas. Norms have been relaxed for one additional ANM for each Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) constructed by MoTA.

Under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, as on 31.1.2025, a total of 5,02,84,441 population have been screened and 1,99,99,974 cards have been distributed in the tribal dominated areas of 17 identified States.

Through 30,277 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, operational in tribal areas, preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services are provided which are universal, free, and closer to the community.

(b) & (c): 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 operational in Odisha in rural & urban areas may be seen 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

In the State of Odisha, AIIMS has been established at Bhubaneswar under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Besides under “Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” component of PMSSY, a total of 03 projects have been approved in Odisha in Government Medical Colleges at Berhampur, Burla and Sundargarh.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for ‘Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals’ with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, 07 medical colleges (Balasore, Baripada (Mayurbhanj), Bolangir, Koraput, Puri in Phase-I, Jajpur in Phase-II & Kalahandi in Phase-III) in Odisha have been approved and are functional.

Further, 50 MMUs under PM-JANMAN and 7 MMUs under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) are operational in Odisha State for providing basic health services in tribal areas.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India with 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. Total amount of Rs.1,411.38 crore has been approved under PM-ABHIM for the State of Odisha for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

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 crore and the same have been accepted by the Union Government. These grants for health through Local Governments will be spread over five-year period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 and will facilitate strengthening of health system at the grass-root level. Total amount of Rs.2,453.49 crore has been allocated under FC-XV health grant for the State of Odisha for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.
