

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2021  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025**

**SHORTAGE OF ESSENTIAL FACILITIES TO PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS OF  
JHARKHAND**

**2021 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that patients in Government hospitals in various districts of Jharkhand State, particularly in Bokaro, Dhanbad, Hazaribagh, Ranchi and Jamshedpur are facing acute shortage of bed sheets and essential medicines;
- (b) if so, whether Government has conducted any survey or investigation regarding this and the main reasons for the said problems; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to solve this problem so far and the plan to maintain smooth supply of medicines and essential facilities in the future?

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

(a) to (c): The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources in health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality healthcare especially for the under-served and marginalized groups in rural areas. 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 NHM. The Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms and available resources.

To ensure availability of essential drugs and reduce the Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) of the patients visiting the public health facilities, Government has rolled out the Free Drugs Service Initiative (FDSI) under NHM. This includes financial support to States/UTs for 106 drugs at Sub-Health Centre (SHC) level, 172 at Primary Health Centre (PHC) level, 300 at Community Health Centre (CHC) level, 318 at Sub-District Hospitals (SDH) level and 381 drugs at district Hospitals.

To facilitate baseline assessment of public health facilities, MoHFW has developed an Open Data Kit (ODK), an Android-based application to identify gaps, and implement timely corrective measures by achieving compliance to provide all essential services and work towards desirable standards.

Under NHM, the performance of various health programmes is regularly assessed, through review meetings, mid term reviews of key deliverables, field visits of senior officials, promoting performance by setting up benchmarks for service delivery & rewarding achievements etc. Common Review Missions (CRM) are conducted annually to assess and monitor the progress and implementation status of various schemes.

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