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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES IN
GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS OF JHARKHAND

2022# SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

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

- (a) the quantum of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the State Government during the last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24) with the objective of ensuring availability of essential medicines in Government hospitals in Jharkhand, the details thereof, year-wise and item-wise;
- (b) the details of supply of medicines to hospitals in various districts of Jharkhand during the said period and the districts which received the highest and lowest supply of medicines respectively; and
- (c) the districts, where the condition of health services are in extremely poor, the immediate and long-term measures Government has taken to ensure the supply of medicines and other essential medical facilities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) to (c): With the objective of attainment of universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing National Health Mission. Government provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to health facilities, to improve

availability, accessibility to quality health care and ensuring availability of essential medicines in Government hospitals in States/UTs including Jharkhand. The details of central release under the National Health Mission (NHM) from the FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24 to the State of Jharkhand is as follows:

(Rs. In Cr.)

Financial Year	Central Release
2021-22	640.18
2022-23	810.30
2023-24	958.06

Note:

1. The above releases relate to Central Govt. Grants & do not include State share contribution.

The Government of India has taken several comprehensive measures to tackle the challenge of providing essential medicines to the poor and ensuring the sustained and smooth supply of these medicines in all govt health facilities. One of the major initiatives is the introduction of the Free Drugs Service Initiative (FDSI) under the National Health Mission (NHM) in 2015, which aimed to reduce out-of-pocket expenditures (OOPE) on healthcare by guaranteeing the availability of essential medicines in public health facilities. This initiative was launched to address the significant financial burden on patients, particularly the economically disadvantaged sections of society, who often struggle with the high cost of healthcare.

As part of this initiative, the Government of India is committed to providing financial support to States/UTs including Jharkhand for the procurement of essential drugs and for strengthening the systems involved in their procurement, distribution, and management. This includes funding for enhancing procurement mechanisms, improving quality assurance protocols, strengthening supply chain management, setting up efficient warehousing systems, conducting prescription audits, and establishing grievance redressal processes. Additionally, the government has rolled out the Drugs & Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS), an IT-enabled platform to monitor the procurement status and ensure the availability of essential medicines across the public healthcare system in real-time.

To further enhance the accessibility of medicines, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recommended a facility-specific Essential Medicines List (EML). The facility wise numbers of medicines in the Essential Medicines List (EML) are as follows:

Ayushman Arogya Mandir – Sub Health Centre (AAM-SHC)	Ayushman Arogya Mandir Public Health Centre (AAM PHC/UPHC)	Community Health Centre (CHC)	Sub-District Hospital (SDH)	District Hospital (DH)
106	172	300	318	381

This list covers a wide range of services, including maternal health, child health, adolescent health, family planning, universal immunization programs, and treatments for major diseases like Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and vector-borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue, and Kala Azar, as well as Leprosy. The EML ensures that each healthcare facility has the necessary medicines to treat the prevalent diseases in the area and to provide comprehensive care. The government also allows states the flexibility to add more medicines to this list to meet their specific healthcare needs. To ensure the quality of medicines procured under the FDSI, all drugs must be sourced from Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)-compliant manufacturers. Furthermore, rigorous post-supply testing is carried out on each batch of medicines before they are distributed to health facilities, ensuring that only high-quality drugs reach patients.

Further, SPIP Approvals under Free Drugs Service initiative under National Health Mission for the state of Jharkhand during the F.Y. 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

(Rs. In Cr.)

Financial Year	SPIP Approvals
2021-22	23.00
2022-23	23.00
2023-24	23.00