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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 272 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025

HEALTH SERVICES IN ODISHA

272. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is doing its best to provide best health services to the Tribals;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is some shortage of Hospital and Primary Health Centres in Odisha; and
- (c) whether Government is taking required steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): 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 NHM, tribal areas have following relaxed norms addressing the need-based intervention in terms of healthcare infrastructure and human resources:

- 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) in tribal and hilly areas respectively;
- ii. Against norm of one ASHA per 1000 population in normal areas, one ASHA 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 in tribal/ hilly/ inaccessible/ remote and hard to reach areas.

Under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) launched on 15th November, 2023, further relaxation in NHM norms has been provided to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas as under:

- i. Upto 10 MMUs per districts with PVTG areas; and
- ii. Provision of one additional ANM on Multi Purpose Centres (MPCs) and making available basic drugs and diagnostics in the PVTG areas.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) is an annual publication, based on healthcare administrative data reported by States/UTs. As per HDI 2022-23, there are 8,330 health facilities operational in Odisha which are as under:-

Health Facility		Required	In Position	Shortfall
Sub Centres		8812	6598	2214
PHCs	Rural	1415	1277	138
	Urban	175	125	50
CHCs		353	330	23
Total		10,755	8,330	2,425

In the State of Odisha, AIIMS at Bhubaneswar has been established under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and it is fully functional. 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.

Further, under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) 50 MMUs and under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) 7 MMUs 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.
