

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1869  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**STRENGTHENING OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
MAHARASHTRA**

**1869 DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of gaps in public health infrastructure, especially in rural and tribal districts of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to address the shortage of doctors, specialists, and medical equipment in Government hospitals and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across the State;
- (c) the details of Central financial assistance given to Maharashtra under schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) and National Health Mission (NHM) during the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to open new medical colleges or upgrade district hospitals in underserved regions of Maharashtra?

**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 including the State of Maharashtra to strengthen the healthcare facilities, 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.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) (Infrastructure & Human Resources), 2022-23 is an annual publication, based on healthcare administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of healthcare infrastructure under National Health Mission (NHM) in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, 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](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)

Through 1.78 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandir including 12,546 in Maharashtra, comprehensive primary healthcare is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). These Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative care for an expanded range of services encompassing reproductive and child healthcare services, Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases and other health issues.

The Government of India has taken number of initiatives in the form of incentives and honorarium to the medical professionals for encouraging better service delivery in rural and remote areas across the country including Maharashtra, which include:

- i. Hard Area Allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.
- ii. States are also allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as “You Quote We Pay”.
- iii. Non-monetary incentives such as preferential admission in postgraduate courses for staff serving in difficult areas and improving accommodation arrangement in rural areas have also been introduced under NHM.
- iv. Multi-skilling of doctors is supported under NHM to overcome the shortage of specialists such as Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) and Life Saving Anaesthesia Skills (LSAS).

Under NHM, the Ministry provides support to the States/UTs for strengthening of diagnostic services including diagnostic equipment for health facilities as per IPHS norms based on the gap assessment done by the States/UTs.

The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) with an outlay of Rs.64,180 crore aims to support for infrastructure development for Sub-Health Centres, Urban Health and Wellness Centres, Support for Block Public Health Units, Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHL) and Critical Care Blocks (CCB). Total amount of Rs. 1,195.14 crore has been allocated under PM-ABHIM for the State of Maharashtra for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 for strengthening of 36 IPHL and 36 CCB.

The XV-Finance Commission (FC) has recommended grants aggregating to Rs.70,051 crore over the period of five years (2021-2026) through Local Governments to strengthen the healthcare system in States. Total amount of Rs. 7,066.74 crore has been allocated under FC-XV health grant for the State of Maharashtra for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

The details of fund released under NHM, PM-ABHIM and FC-XV for Maharashtra during the last three years is as follows:

S.No.	Financial Year	NHM	PM-ABHIM	(Rs. in crore)
				FC-XV
1	2022-23	2,187.13	4.07	1204.33
2	2023-24	2,729.30	31.76	729.07
3	2024-25	2,417.95	65.48	632.88

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

(d): Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals', out of 157 medical colleges approved, 02 medical colleges have been approved in Gondia and Nandurbar district in Maharashtra and are functional. Further, as informed by Government of Maharashtra, approval for starting of new medical colleges in Wardha, Palghar and Ahilyanagar district have been given by the State.

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