

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**FUND ALLOCATION FOR DMHP**

**2672# SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

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

- (a) the amount allocated for District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) in the last five years along with the actual expenditure therefrom; and
- (b) the number of posts of mental health specialists lying vacant in the primary health centres and the concrete steps taken by Government so far to fill those vacancies?

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

- (a) The details of funds approved for implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under the Nation Health Mission along with the actual expenditure for the last five years is as follows:

Financial Year	Funds approved (in Rs. lakh)	Expenditure (in Rs. lakh)
2020-21	8413.06	3392.83
2021-22	13273.74	5978.82
2022-23	15974.72	6655.42
2023-24	16895.93	8565.79
2024-25	15762.40	8239.09

- (b) The details of posts under National Health Mission (NHM) are available at website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the Uniform Resources Locator (URL) as under:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=457&lid=686>

The primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including recruitment of health care professionals lies with the respective State/UT Governments. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system in rural areas 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. States/ UTs to ensure availability of HR by creating adequate number of regular posts as per the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) in the long run and using NHM posts in the short to medium term to fill critical gaps. The NHM supplements the regular human resources by filling up the gaps in human resources in secondary and primary care facilities (District Hospital and below) as per IPHS.

Under the National Health Mission, following types of incentives and honorarium are provided for encouraging specialist doctors to practice in public healthcare institutions in rural and remote areas of the country:

- Hard area allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.
- States are also allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as “You Quote We Pay”.
- Non-Monetary incentives such as preferential admission in post graduate courses for staff serving in difficult areas
- Multi-skilling of doctors is supported under NHM to overcome the shortage of specialists.

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