

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3003  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025**

**HEPATITIS OUTBREAKS IN PUNE**

**3003: DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of a significant increase in Hepatitis A cases in Pune this monsoon, with confirmed cases more than doubling between March and June 2025 and severity escalating;
- (b) whether Hepatitis B and C cases have also risen in Pune, Maharashtra and whether screening for pregnant women and residents in affected zones is being prioritised;
- (c) whether show-cause notices were issued to private hospitals for non-compliance with Government health regulations and scheme empanelment; and
- (d) the steps being taken to strengthen mobile clinic services and enforce Ayushman Bharat compliance in Pune?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d) Health is the state subject. The Govt. of India launched the National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) in 2018 under the aegis of National Health Mission (NHM), offering diagnostic and treatment services for Hepatitis C, A and E. The scope of the programme was expanded to include diagnosis and management of Hepatitis B in 2019.

NVHCP has reported that there is no significant increase in Hepatitis A cases in Pune district during 2025 monsoon. Total number of 74 cases have been reported during June and July 2025 in comparison with 72 number of cases during corresponding period in 2024.

Under the Programme, 4 Model Treatment Centers (MTC) and 32 Treatment Centers (TC) have been established in Maharashtra. In Pune district, Model Treatment center (MTC) is operational at B.J.Govt Medical College.

The number of cases of Hepatitis B & C have risen due to rise in no. of persons screened for the same. However, there is no significant rise in positivity rate percentage for Hepatitis B & C (**Annexure-I & Annexure-II**). Further, pregnant women screening for Hepatitis B is mandatory and prioritized under NVHCP

There are 20 Mobile Medical Units (MMU) available in Maharashtra.

Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY) is governed on a zero-tolerance policy towards misuse and abuse and various steps are taken for prevention, detection and deterrence of different kinds of irregularities that could occur in the scheme at different stages of its implementation. A robust anti-fraud mechanism has been put in place and National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU) has been set up with the primary responsibility for prevention, detection and deterrence of misuse and abuse under AB-PMJAY.

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## ANNEXURE -I

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3003 for answer on 19.08.2025.**

**Hepatitis B Screening**

| <b>Maharashtra</b>   |   |   |                   |   |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Month</b>         | <b>2024</b>   |   |                   | <b>2025</b>   |   |                   |
|                      | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Positivity Rate % | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Positivity Rate % |
| April                | 81215   | 860   | 1.06              | 184745  | 2639  | 1.43              |
| May                  | 81977   | 967   | 1.18              | 173621  | 2236  | 1.29              |
| June                 | 89872   | 1034  | 1.15              | 170619  | 1289  | 0.76              |
| July                 | 99735   | 1037  | 1.04              | 175901  | 1782  | 1.01              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>352799</b>   | <b>3898</b>   | <b>1.10</b>       | <b>704886</b>   | <b>7946</b>   | <b>1.13</b>       |
| <b>Pune District</b> |   |   |                   |   |   |                   |
| <b>Month</b>         | <b>2024</b>   |   |                   | <b>2025</b>   |   |                   |
|                      | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Positivity Rate % | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis B (excluding ANC) | Positivity Rate % |
| April                | 1136  | 12  | <b>1.06</b>       | 3618  | 42  | <b>1.16</b>       |
| May                  | 1716  | 19  | <b>1.11</b>       | 3251  | 34  | <b>1.05</b>       |
| June                 | 1824  | 19  | <b>1.04</b>       | 4093  | 43  | <b>1.05</b>       |
| July                 | 1702  | 17  | <b>1.00</b>       | 3756  | 41  | <b>1.09</b>       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>6378</b>   | <b>67</b>   | <b>1.05</b>       | <b>14718</b>  | <b>160</b>  | <b>1.09</b>       |

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### **Hepatitis C Screening**

Data source-NVHCP Portal, Monthly Report

| <b>Maharashtra</b> |   |   |                   |   |   |                   |
|--------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Month</b>       | <b>2024</b>                                   |   |                   | <b>2025</b>                                   |   |                   |
|                    | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis C | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis C | Positivity Rate % | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis C | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis C | Positivity Rate % |
| April              | 46713   | 187   | 0.40              | 68711   | 279   | 0.41              |
| May                | 47430   | 204   | 0.43              | 86583   | 233   | 0.27              |
| June               | 50662   | 209   | 0.41              | 128035  | 313   | 0.24              |
| July               | 50421   | 210   | 0.42              | 115321  | 297   | 0.26              |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>195226</b>                                 | <b>810</b>  | <b>0.41</b>       | <b>398650</b>                                 | <b>1122</b>   | <b>0.28</b>       |

| <b>Pune District</b> |   |   |                   |   |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Month</b>         | <b>2024</b>                                   |   |                   | <b>2025</b>                                   |   |                   |
|                      | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis C | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis C | Positivity Rate % | Total no. of persons screened for Hepatitis C | Total no. of persons found positive for Hepatitis C | Positivity Rate % |
| April                | 1504  | 4   | 0.27              | 5932  | 18  | 0.30              |
| May                  | 1447  | 4   | 0.28              | 2787  | 10  | 0.36              |
| June                 | 1675  | 5   | 0.30              | 5129  | 15  | 0.29              |
| July                 | 1024  | 3   | 0.29              | 8103  | 23  | 0.28              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>5650</b>                                   | <b>16</b>   | <b>0.29</b>       | <b>21951</b>                                  | <b>66</b>   | <b>0.30</b>       |

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