

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1063
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH DECEMBER 2025**

SHORTAGE OF CRITICAL-CARE EQUIPMENT IN TAMIL NADU

1063. SHRI S.R. SIVALINGAM:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance that several major hospitals in the State of Tamil Nadu continue to struggle with shortages in critical-care equipment, trained specialists and diagnostic infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the detailed observations regarding delays in upgrading trauma units, inconsistencies in supply of essential medicines, recurring staffing gaps, inadequate biomedical maintenance and persistent overcrowding recorded in the State; and
- (c) the steps Government proposes to strengthen tertiary care, modernise diagnostic systems, streamline procurement and improve specialist deployment?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Public Health and hospital being a State subject, the primary responsibility for planning, implementing, maintaining and to set up adequate number of healthcare facilities as per requirement is of that State Government. As per the information provided by State Government of Tamil Nadu, there is no shortages in critical-care equipment, trained specialists and diagnostic infrastructure in major hospitals of Tamil Nadu.

(c): The Government of India is making concerted efforts to strengthen healthcare facilities across the country, including Tamil Nadu. While the decision to strengthen tertiary care, modernise diagnostic systems, streamline procurement and improve specialist deployment falls under jurisdiction of the State Government. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare continues to extend its support to all States and Union Territories.

Further, as per the information provided by State Government of Tamil Nadu, presently, tertiary care is available at all Districts. Under Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) modernised diagnostic systems have been strengthened in the facilities. For procurement of Medicines & Equipment the TNMSC provides services. Rationalization for specialist is done at Directorates level to strengthen the tertiary care services.
