

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1075
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th DECEMBER 2025**

STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN SIXTH SCHEDULED AREAS

1075. SHRI RWNGWRA NARZARY:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken special measures for strengthening health care system at the grass-root level in the sixth schedule areas of the country;
- (b) the impact of health programmed run by the Ministry in the sixth scheduled areas with special focus to the higher prevalence of sickle cell, Anemia, malnutrition, communicable diseases like malaria etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof in Sixth Scheduled States, area-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Public Health is a State subject. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), the Government of India provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems, including in Sixth Schedule areas. This support is based on requirements posed by States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

To address healthcare at the grass-root level in these tribal and hard-to-reach areas, the following measures are in place:

- **Ayushman Arogya Mandirs:** Transformation of Sub-Health Centres and Primary Health Centres into Ayushman Arogya Mandirs to provide Comprehensive Primary Health Care.
- **Mobile Medical Units (MMUs):** Deployment of MMUs to improve access in remote and inaccessible areas.
- **Human Resources:** Incentives are provided for healthcare providers serving in hard-to-reach and tribal areas.
- **ASHA Workers:** Engagement of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) to serve as a link between the community and the health system.

(b): The Ministry implements various programmes focusing on specific health challenges prevalent in these areas:

- **Sickle Cell Disease:** The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission was launched to

screen and manage patients in affected tribal areas. Screening is conducted at the grass-root level to ensure early detection.

- **Malnutrition and Anemia:** Interventions under Anemia Mukht Bharat and support to the POSHAN Abhiyaan focus on iron and folic acid supplementation, deworming, and nutritional support for mothers and children.
- **Vector-Borne Diseases (Malaria):** Under the National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program(NVBDCP) support is provided for indoor residual spraying, distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs), and rapid diagnostic kits to control malaria in endemic zones.

(c) & (d): The state-wise details of funds released under NHM for the Sixth Scheduled States (Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram) are placed at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Funds released under NHM

Assam

(Rs. in cr.)

Financial Year	Central Release
2023-24	2,257.06
2024-25	2,076.25

Meghalaya

(Rs. in cr.)

Financial Year	Central Release
2023-24	261.39
2024-25	297.95

Mizoram

(Rs. in cr.)

Financial Year	Central Release
2023-24	134.42
2024-25	159.96

Tripura

(Rs. in cr.)

Financial Year	Central Release
2023-24	264.31
2024-25	268.67

Note : The above releases related to Central Government Grants and do not include State share contribution.
