

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025**

NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM

1855. SHRI TEJVEER SINGH:

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

- (a) The progress made towards integrating digital medical record of patients in Government hospitals under the recently launched National Digital Health Record System;
- (b) Whether Government is going to implement any new strategy for expansion of tele-medicine and e-diagnosis services in rural areas; and
- (c) Whether the Ministry proposes to increase the number of Mobile Diagnosis Units to ensure timely screening of critical illnesses?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by the Government of India in September 2021 to support the development of an integrated, citizen-centric national digital health ecosystem. Using an ABDM enabled software, government hospitals can create digital health records linked to Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA). Also, they can access the previous records of the patient digitally after taking the patient's consent. This enables seamless interoperability across the ecosystem. In addition, several national health programme platforms including Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), Nikshay portal, Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) are integrated with ABDM enabling government hospitals in the States/UTs to create inter-operable health records. Under the ABDM, over 72 Crore health records have been linked in Government Healthcare facilities and national programs.

The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources in health facilities, to improve availability, affordability and accessibility to quality healthcare especially for the poor and vulnerable sections in urban, rural, and tribal/hilly areas. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NHM. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

The Government has established tele-medicine and e-diagnosis services in rural areas through a set of focused strategies. Regional hubs have been created at Medical Colleges and community health centers/ district hospitals, supported by dedicated teams of doctors, while spokes at primary-level facilities connect with available hubs within the State or UT. Doctors, including AYUSH practitioners where appropriate, provide teleconsultations in shifts alongside their regular duties, increasing service availability despite workforce gaps.

Under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) & Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) programmes, basic health care services timely screening of critical illnesses have been provided to the inaccessible/ remote and hard to reach tribal areas through Mobile Medical Units (MMUs).

Under PM-JANMAN, relaxation in NHM norms has been provided up to 10 MMUs per district with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas. Norms have been relaxed for one additional ANM for each Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) constructed by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. As per MMU portal, 751 MMUs under PM-JANMAN and 155 MMUs under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) are operational as on 09/12/2025 across the country for providing basic health services in tribal areas.
