

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1892
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025**

STATUS OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE COUNTRY

1892. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

- (a) the estimated number of patients in the country in need of palliative care and the proportion of such patients currently availing these services;
- (b) the list of Government and Government-enabled medical institutions that have the capacity to provide palliative care services, State-wise;
- (c) the list of number of Community Health Officers (CHOs) and Multi-Purpose Workers (MPWs), State-wise;
- (d) the list of number of home visits undertaken by CHOs/MPWs since 2019, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (e) the number of palliative care kits distributed to CHOs, including the list of drugs and consumables contained in these kit?

ANSWER

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

(a): The National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC) is being implemented across all 36 States/Union Territories. At present, palliative care services under NPPC are functional in around 600 districts. The State-wise information of District Hospitals providing palliative care services, under National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC) is placed at **Annexure I**.

(b): As per the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS), palliative care services are an integral component of the clinical care package across all levels of public healthcare facilities, starting from the primary level. The State wise list of number of Government primary health care facilities where palliative care is provided is at **Annexure II**.

(c): The details of the list of number of Community Health Officers and Multi-purpose Workers (MPWs), State-wise is at **Annexure III**.

(d) and (e): The State-wise details of Out-patients, In-patients and Home based Palliative Care services under NPPC for the financial year from 2023-24 to 2025-26 is at **Annexure-IV**.

Palliative care is one of the 12 essential services delivered at the Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) level, encompassing preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care.

The government is also leveraging tele-consultation services at AAM to provide access to specialists and implementing community-based initiatives to support care.

ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists) and community volunteers are trained to identify bedridden patients and others needing palliative care within the community. They conduct periodic home visits, provide support to patients and families, and help ensure continuity of care by facilitating appropriate referrals. Community Health Officers (CHOs) at the AAMs supervise care and provide regular medical attention, pain management, and emotional support.

As per the Operational Guidelines on Palliative Care, at Ayushman Arogya Mandir the suggested composition of home care kit consists of equipment like stethoscope, BP apparatus, thermometer, glucometer, torch, tongue depressors; consumables such as cotton, bandages, gloves, syringes, needles, feeding tubes etc. and medicines for pain control, wound management, gastrointestinal symptoms management, antibiotics, anti-fungal psychological symptoms management, etc.

Districts covered under the National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC)

S.No	Name of State/UT	Total Number of Districts functional as on October 2025
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	23
3	Arunachal Pradesh	26
4	Assam	35
5	Bihar	6
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhattisgarh	14
8	Delhi	1
9	DNH_DD	3
10	Goa	2
11	Gujarat	41 (33 Districts and 8 Municipal corporation)
12	Haryana	18
13	Himachal Pradesh	12
14	Jharkhand	18
15	Karnataka	31
16	Kerala	14
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	51
20	Maharashtra	34
21	Manipur	16
22	Meghalaya	11
23	Mizoram	9
24	Nagaland	3
25	Odisha	30
26	Puducherry	0
27	Punjab	4
28	Rajasthan	42
29	Sikkim	4
30	Tamil Nadu	38
31	Telangana	34
32	Tripura	8
33	Jammu and Kashmir	1
34	Uttar Pradesh	23
35	Uttarakhand	13
36	West Bengal	27 + 1 (Kolkata Municipal Corporation)
Total	600	

SI No	Name of the State	No of primary care facilities where palliative care facilities are provided as on 10th December, 2025(Excluding AAM-AYUSH)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	124
2	Andhra Pradesh	11,806
3	Arunachal Pradesh	459
4	Assam	4,757
5	Bihar	6,543
6	Chandigarh	60
7	Chhattisgarh	5,737
8	Delhi	177
9	DNH&DD	94
10	Goa	205
11	Gujarat	9,452
12	Haryana	3,050
13	Himachal Pradesh	1,430
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2,885
15	Jharkhand	3,426
16	Karnataka	9,913
17	Kerala	7,176
18	Ladakh	321
19	Lakshadweep	7
20	Madhya Pradesh	12,417
21	Maharashtra	12,341
22	Manipur	400
23	Meghalaya	596
24	Mizoram	392
25	Nagaland	412
26	Odisha	7,046
27	Puducherry	132
28	Punjab	2,557
29	Rajasthan	9,372
30	Sikkim	177
31	Tamil Nadu	8,461
32	Telangana	4,706
33	Tripura	1,131
34	Uttar Pradesh	19,456
35	Uttarakhand	1,731
36	West Bengal	10,244
	Grand Total	1,59,193

Annexure III

S.N.	State Name	Number of CHO available at SHC (Source: State reported)	ANMs at SHC and PHC (R+U) (Source: HDI 2022-23)	MPW (M) at SHC (Source: HDI 2022-23)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	73	203	40
2	Andhra Pradesh	9,497	16584	2783
3	Arunachal Pradesh	309	602	168
4	Assam	2,775	8506	2825
5	Bihar	6,390	25179	145
6	Chandigarh	CHOs are not present	150	0
7	Chhattisgarh	3,496	6345	3589
8	Delhi	CHOs are not present	1865	0
9	DNH&DD	78	166	63
10	Goa	121	428	107
11	Gujarat	7,558	12104	8531
12	Haryana	1,422	4895	2259
13	Himachal Pradesh	1,474	1127	238
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1,822	4994	733
15	Jharkhand	3,382	5702	1743
16	Karnataka	5,496	12330	2412
17	Kerala	5,040	6278	3117
18	Ladakh	288	513	38
19	Lakshadweep	CHOs are not present	45	14
20	Madhya Pradesh	9,950	13410	3793
21	Maharashtra	7,310	16730	7813
22	Manipur	274	883	236
23	Meghalaya	405	1211	141
24	Mizoram	290	324	180
25	Nagaland	330	843	115
26	Odisha	5,421	7806	3203
27	Puducherry	30	178	0
28	Punjab	2,350	3279	2329
29	Rajasthan	7,015	16552	443
30	Sikkim	150	328	120
31	Tamil Nadu	4,778	11984	2478
32	Telangana	2,930	6997	1159
33	Tripura	853	574	669
34	Uttar Pradesh	16,401	24471	816
35	Uttarakhand	1,440	2278	21
36	West Bengal	11,053	18909	1443
	Total	1,20,201	234773	53764

State wise Out-Patient, In-Patient and Home-Based Palliative Care Services from F.Y. 2023-24 to F.Y. 2025-26

Year 2023-24

S.No	State/UT	Number of Patients who availed OPD services	Number of Patients visited at home	Number of Patients who availed IPD services
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1784	1373	78
2	Andhra Pradesh	350018	178652	17115
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1730	818	350
4	Assam	29151	9353	4363
5	Bihar	475309	27556	18329
6	Chandigarh	2117	32	5
7	Chhattisgarh	153278	35821	14407
8	Delhi	107796	0	3167
9	Goa	1503	1080	324
10	Gujarat	106601	65554	18965
11	Haryana	31781	16415	3199
12	Himachal Pradesh	8443	687	51073
13	Jammu and Kashmir	44076	4751	5911
14	Jharkhand	11818	3373	2075
15	Karnataka	146001	17322	39454
16	Kerala	1037809	587916	30221
17	Ladakh	3292	1754	1666
18	Lakshadweep	433	242	53
19	Madhya Pradesh	151209	86560	74714
20	Maharashtra	312160	198361	30843
21	Manipur	2658	3240	199
22	Meghalaya	8307	2003	2205
23	Mizoram	3301	1998	491
24	Nagaland	2701	1838	340
25	Odisha	126355	47335	10013
26	Puducherry	7940	2416	423
27	Punjab	34270	3433	3737
28	Rajasthan	44201	1418	6832
29	Sikkim	3692	3270	99
30	Tamil Nadu	372276	242417	34617
31	Telangana	78946	34586	25172
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	877	1521	16
33	Tripura	10793	16968	1082
34	Uttarakhand	6780	3071	2394
35	Uttar Pradesh	122994	23980	20831
36	West Bengal	236020	123720	51718
	All India	4038420	1750834	476481

Year 2024-25

S.No	State/UT	Number of Patients who availed OPD services	Number of Patients visited at home	Number of Patients who availed IPD services
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2871	2246	189
2	Andhra Pradesh	545312	266675	20483
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4433	899	1617
4	Assam	87836	19545	6812
5	Bihar	573318	37381	4693
6	Chandigarh	2410	296	161
7	Chhattisgarh	252778	46731	15087
8	Delhi	35336	82	4112
9	Goa	2728	1096	214
10	Gujarat	270459	73855	21996
11	Haryana	45316	15801	4515
12	Himachal Pradesh	3281	1552	6298
13	Jammu and Kashmir	45786	6947	7355
14	Jharkhand	23195	5379	2091
15	Karnataka	290681	56009	50985
16	Kerala	1347566	977879	43939
17	Ladakh	3289	2357	1025
18	Lakshadweep	923	386	136
19	Madhya Pradesh	217403	89897	40532
20	Maharashtra	539427	280553	68105
21	Manipur	5790	7744	592
22	Meghalaya	8743	4049	3415
23	Mizoram	7358	7473	475
24	Nagaland	3621	2658	300
25	Odisha	223056	71370	37737
26	Puducherry	12341	2039	193
27	Punjab	19997	5095	2701
28	Rajasthan	71905	3143	9564
29	Sikkim	4596	4598	164
30	Tamil Nadu	521641	258766	31583
31	Telangana	152799	53322	22369
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1731	3113	311
33	Tripura	16424	19763	1444
34	Uttarakhand	8108	2444	2535
35	Uttar Pradesh	368834	33832	35477
36	West Bengal	360777	152688	100851
	All India	6082069	2517663	550056

Year 2025-26 (till October 25)

S.No	State/UT	Number of Patients who availed OPD services	Number of Patients visited at home	Number of Patients who availed IPD services
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	376	1886	195
2	Andhra Pradesh	86721	135773	18491
3	Arunachal Pradesh	130	629	1649
4	Assam	8672	18536	4316
5	Bihar	45871	52032	1633
6	Chandigarh	575	818	69
7	Chhattisgarh	66461	32481	7315
8	Delhi	7475	35	3111
9	Goa	248	1207	157
10	Gujarat	155269	71770	19366
11	Haryana	41727	18355	3064
12	Himachal Pradesh	403	2569	1987
13	Jammu and Kashmir	4440	5247	12083
14	Jharkhand	49337	10165	1758
15	Karnataka	102776	148068	19896
16	Kerala	67268	650545	32358
17	Ladakh	234	1286	1021
18	Lakshadweep	106	110	96
19	Madhya Pradesh	102342	56862	21070
20	Maharashtra	154710	167933	37338
21	Manipur	2736	9283	396
22	Meghalaya	1826	3657	1767
23	Mizoram	633	5934	724
24	Nagaland	188	1910	524
25	Odisha	8005	59608	12606
26	Puducherry	157	1910	139
27	Punjab	9420	31887	6025
28	Rajasthan	7404	14180	5611
29	Sikkim	336	3452	153
30	Tamil Nadu	33723	162148	19906
31	Telangana	50874	31292	10873
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	261	2017	121
33	Tripura	2716	14875	514
34	Uttarakhand	3385	3864	1208
35	Uttar Pradesh	227801	42499	19444
36	West Bengal	18696	150415	69980
	All India	1263302	1915238	336964