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

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 287 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2025

#### STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH SERVICES IN TRIPURA

#### 287.# SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:

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

- (a) whether any new medical colleges or nursing colleges are being established in the State of Tripura with the support of the Central Government;
- (b) whether all districts of Tripura have been covered under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Yojana (AB-PMJAY);
- (c) whether any new initiatives have been launched to improve maternal and child health services in Tripura; and
- (d) the steps being taken to strengthen health infrastructure in the border areas of the State?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for 'Strengthening and up-gradation of Govt. Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and Increase of PG seats'. Under the Scheme, financial support is provided for development of infrastructure and procurement of equipment. The fund sharing mechanism between the Centre and State Governments is in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States, and 60:40 for others. Under the scheme, a total of 115 PG seats have been approved in Government Medical College, Agartala with an approved cost of Rs. 19.43 Crore.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), The Government of India implements various new schemes to improve maternal health services for all States/UTs including the state of Tripura. Key initiatives include:

- i. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) provides pregnant women a fixed day, free of cost, assured and quality antenatal check up by a Specialist/Medical Officer on the 9th day of every month.
- ii. Extended PMSMA strategy ensures quality antenatal care (ANC) to pregnant women, especially to high-risk pregnant (HRP) women and individual HRP tracking until a safe delivery is achieved by means of financial incentivization for the identified high-risk pregnant women

and accompanying Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) for extra 3 visits over and above the PMSMA visit.

- iii. Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) provides assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services for every pregnant woman and new-born visiting public health facilities to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
- iv. Optimizing Postnatal Care aims to strengthen the quality of post-natal care by laying emphasis on detection of danger signs in mothers and incentivization of ASHAs for prompt detection, referral & treatment of such high-risk postpartum mothers.

Further, under NHM, Government of India also provides support for up-gradation of existing health facilities to comply with the prevailing and established norms/ standards, provision of modern equipment, financial support for the hired accommodations etc. The Ministry has approved the proposals submitted by the Government of Tripura under NHM, and the total financial support conveyed to the State over the last five years, including FY 2025-26, amounts to Rs. 286.95 crore.

Under the CSS component of PM ABHIM, approval has been accorded for establishment of 1 Integrated Public Health Lab (IPHL), in each financial year i.e., 21-22, 22-23, 23-24 & 24-25 in the districts of Dhalai, South Tripura, North Tripura & Sepahijala, respectively, at unit cost of Rs. 1.25 Cr. Also, 3 IPHLs have been approved in FY 2025-26 to be established one each in the districts of Khawai, Unakoti & Gomati at unit cost of Rs. 1.25 Cr. Approval has also been accorded for establishment of a Critical Care Block at Agartala Govt. Medical College & GB Pant Hospital in FY 2025-26 at unit cost of Rs. 23.75 Cr.

In addition to these, all the districts of Tripura are also covered under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY).

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