

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

**STRENGTHENING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT IN
TELANGANA**

1230. DR. K. LAXMAN:

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

- (a) the number of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) operationalized across the nation and particularly in Telangana, and the range of services offered, especially for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and maternal health;
- (b) the status of integration of telemedicine and digital health records at AB-HWCs in Telangana under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM);
- (c) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of AB-HWCs on reducing out-of-pocket expenditure and improving access in tribal and remote areas of Telangana; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure adequate staffing, drug availability, and diagnostic facilities at these centres in Telangana?

ANSWER

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

(a): As reported by States/UTs on Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) portal, 1,82,944 AAMs [erstwhile Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)] have been operationalized across the country, including 5,050 AAMs in Telangana, by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs), as on 31.12.2025.

These AAMs incrementally provide 12 package of primary health care services across urban, rural and tribal dominated, encompassing Reproductive and child care services, Communicable diseases, Non Communicable diseases (NCD), Palliative Care and elderly Care, Care for common mental disorders, neurological conditions (epilepsy, dementia) and substance use disorders management (tobacco, alcohol, drugs), Oral health, ENT care, and Basic emergency care.

(b) The Government of India has integrated the national telemedicine platform eSanjeevani with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). As informed by Government of Telangana, 27.72 lakh Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA) have been created through the

eSanjeevani platform. Health Facility Registry (HFR) mapping of all facilities have also been taken up by the State Government to ensure seamless health record linkage.

(c): The recent evaluation of the AAM programme conducted by NITI Aayog highlights several encouraging outcomes, including significant improvements in service delivery and increased community footfall because of wider access to Comprehensive Primary Health Care services especially in tribal & remote areas including Telangana. These gains have been primarily driven by strengthened NCD management, enhanced general OPD services and availability of free medicines & diagnostics closer to the homes of people. These interventions have collectively contributed to a gradual reduction in out-of-pocket expenditure for healthcare.

(d): Public Health' & 'Hospitals' are State subjects. The primary responsibility of the availability of doctors, nurses and Paramedical staff in various public health facilities in the country lies with the respective State Governments. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the healthcare facilities including the State of Telangana based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission. Government of India provides approval for the proposal in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

For SHC-AAM, operational guidelines for AAMs provide for, Community Health Officer (CHO), Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and Multipurpose worker -Male along with ASHAs in the catchment area. For PHC-AAM, the norms provide for Medical Officer, staff nurses, pharmacist, Health Assistants and Lab technician. As informed by the Government of Telangana, vacancies in AAMs are filled on an ongoing basis as and when they arise.

To complement the expanded package of services at AAMs, under Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiative, the essential list of drugs & diagnostics has been expanded to make available 172 drugs & 63 diagnostics at PHC-AAMs and 106 drugs & 14 diagnostics at SHC-AAMs in the country including Telangana.
