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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1246  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2026**

**STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER PM-ABHIM**

**1246. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:**

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

- (a) whether Government is strengthening public health infrastructure under the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM);
- (b) the progress made in setting up critical care blocks, diagnostic facilities and laboratories across the country including Karnataka; and
- (c) the manner in which these measures have improved healthcare delivery?

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

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with some Central Sector Components (CS) which has an outlay of Rs. 64,180 Crores for the scheme period (FY2021-22 to FY2025-26).

The scheme envisages a new generation of reforms to integrate and strengthen health service delivery and public health action including health research so that the communities are Atmanirbhar in managing such pandemics or health crisis. The measures under the scheme are aimed at strengthening health systems and institutions in order to provide a continuum of care at all levels, namely primary, secondary, and tertiary, as well as preparing health systems to respond effectively to current and future pandemics and disasters.

The CSS components of PM-ABHIM are implemented through the existing framework, institutions, and mechanisms of the National Health Mission. As Public Health and Hospitals are State subjects, the implementation of the scheme falls within the purview of the respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for effective implementation of the scheme.

Under the CSS component of the scheme, administrative approvals have been accorded to States/UTs for scheme period (FY 2021–22 to FY 2025–26), amounting to Rs.32,928.82 crore for the construction/strengthening of 9,519 Building-less Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Sub-Centres – Health and Wellness Centres), 5,456 Urban- Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (U-AAMs), 2,151 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs), 744 Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHLs) at the district level, and 621 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs), exclusively under PM-ABHIM.

Administrative approvals have been accorded to the State of Karnataka for a period of five years (i.e., FY 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26) for an amount of Rs.1928.79 crore for the establishment and strengthening of 530 Building-less SC-AAMs, 817 U-AAMs, 31 IPHLs, and 34 CCBs, as per the proposal submitted by the State.

India has recorded substantial improvements in healthcare delivery over the past decade. The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined from 130 per lakh live births in 2014–16 to 88 per lakh live births in 2021–23 (SRS 2021–23). According to the UN-MMEIG 2023 report, India has achieved an 86% reduction in MMR since 1990, surpassing the global decline of 48%. Similarly, the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) decreased from 39 per 1,000 live births in 2014 to 25 per 1,000 live births in 2023 (SRS 2023). The Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) also declined from 45 in 2014 to 29 in 2023 (SRS 2023).

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