

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2018  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2026**

**TRANSFORMATION IN HEALTH SECTOR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**2018 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the proposal in current Union Budget for Regional Medical Hubs would specifically benefit Himachal Pradesh, and support the State's initiative of promoting medical tourism in specialised areas;
- (b) whether the Union Ministry have plans to establish a specialised, state-of-the-art Advanced Pediatric Care and Innovation Centre in Himachal Pradesh to combat high infant mortality rates in challenging terrains; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to expedite Medical Device Park in Himachal Pradesh, which is crucial for lowering the cost of medical equipment in the State?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): To promote India as a hub for medical tourism services, Government of India, in the Union Budget 2026-27, has proposed a Scheme to support States in establishing five Regional Medical Hubs, in partnership with the private sector. These Hubs will serve as integrated healthcare complexes that combine medical, educational and research facilities. They will have AYUSH Centres, Medical Value Tourism Facilitation Centres and infrastructure for diagnostics, post-care and rehabilitation. These Hubs will provide diverse job opportunities for health professionals including doctors and AHPs.

(b): Health is a State subject. The primary responsibility of availability of health facilities lies with the respective State Governments.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare supports implementation of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategy under the National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Program Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by respective States / UT.

(c): The Scheme for Promotion of Medical Devices Parks aims to create common infrastructure and testing facilities for increased competitiveness and cost reduction through optimisation of resources and economies of scale, thereby leading to better availability and affordability of medical devices in the domestic market. Under the scheme, Government of India had approved proposals received from State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. However, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh subsequently withdrew from the scheme stating that it will fund the project from own sources.

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