

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2059
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2026**

STATUS OF DIALYSIS FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU

2059. DR. M. DHANAPAL:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the lack of dialysis facilities for chronic kidney disease patients in rural and semi-urban areas of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State equipped with dialysis facilities, district-wise;
- (c) whether any assessment has been undertaken regarding the adequacy of dialysis infrastructure, manpower, and maintenance at PHCs;
- (d) the funds allocated and utilised under the National Health Mission (NHM) or other Central schemes for this purpose during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to expand affordable dialysis services at the primary healthcare level for economically weaker sections?

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

(a) to (e) Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) was rolled out in 2016 as part of the National Health Mission with the objective to make dialysis service accessible and affordable by establishing dialysis centres at District Hospital level progressively down to Subdivisional, Area hospital, rural hospital till Community Health Centres (CHCs). The program has been implemented in all the 36 States and Union Territories.

As per the Government of Tamil Nadu, 141 Government institutions across Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels of care are providing dialysis services. Currently, 1,305 haemodialysis machines are functional to provide free dialysis services in Tamil Nadu including rural and semi-urban areas.

National Health Mission (NHM) provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs in implementation of Haemodialysis (HD) and Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) services under PMNDP.

State and Union Territories undertake gap assessment and project their requirement through their Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) under NHM.

PIP expenditure under PMNDP budget head from 2022-23 to 2024-25 in respect of Tamilnadu is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Expenditure
2022-23	1226.81
2023-24	1200.58
2024-25	963.99

The dialysis services are provided free of cost to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) patients and at subsidized rates to the Above Poverty Level (APL) patients. Main objectives of PMNDP are to ensure universal access, reduce Out-of-Pocket expenditure, standardized quality of care and ensure long-term service delivery by leveraging existing hospital infrastructure. Treatment of major NCDs are available under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB PMJAY). This scheme provides for Rs. 5 lakh per family annually for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization in the empanelled public and private hospitals.