

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2831  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**EXPANSION OF CARDIAC CARE AND PALLIATIVE SERVICES IN  
MAHARASHTRA**

**2831 DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:**

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

- (a) whether proposals for establishment of cardiac catheterisation laboratories (Cath Labs) in districts of Maharashtra including Pune have been approved and if so, the details thereof including funding support;
- (b) whether a palliative care programme has been rolled out in Maharashtra hospitals and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken to address staff shortages and infrastructure gaps in major public hospitals including those in Mumbai and Pune?

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

(a) to (c) Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility for strengthening of healthcare system including availability of doctors, specialist, paramedical staffs, and nurses lies with respective State/UT Governments. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs including Maharashtra. Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems based on the Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) submitted by the States/UTs within their overall resource envelope.

As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, approval has been accorded for establishment of Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories (Cath Labs) on a turnkey basis at four locations in the State, namely Pune, Jalna, Gadhinglaj and Kolhapur (Seva Hospital). The total approved cost of the project is ₹99.85 Crore.

The National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC) is implemented across all States/UTs, with palliative care services functional in all 34 districts of Maharashtra, including Outpatient Department, Inpatient Department, and home-based care at District Hospitals. Palliative care is also one of the 12 essential services delivered through Ayushman Arogya Mandir. To address human resource shortages, the National Health Mission provides financial incentives such as hard area allowances, honoraria and flexible salary mechanisms to attract specialists. Non-monetary measures including preferential PG admission, improved accommodation, multi-skilling and skill upgradation of healthcare personnel are also supported.

The PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) enhances public healthcare infrastructure by addressing critical gaps in urban and rural areas. Financial assistance is also given through local governments to strengthen the health system at the grass-root level as

per recommendations of the fifteenth finance commission(FC-XV). The Government of India has approved several health infrastructure projects under NHM through Record of Proceedings (RoPs) for Maharashtra which includes construction of various health facilities as proposed by the State, the details of which can be accessed at the following weblink. :-  
<https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=55&lid=68>.

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