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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17.03.2026**

ASSESSMENT OF THE GAP IN HOSPITAL BED CAPACITY IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the gap in hospital bed capacity in the country, including the current bed-to-population ratio compared with global norms;
- (b) the estimates of additional hospital beds needed, particularly in rural and underserved regions, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to increase bed capacity in Government and private sectors and to ensure equitable distribution of hospital infrastructure?

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

(a) to (c): Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS 2022) recommends provision of 1 bed per 1000 population. As per IPHS norms, Ayushman Arogya Mandir- Primary Health Centre (AAM-PHC) with 6 indoor/ observation beds is to be established to cover 20,000 to 30,000 population, Community Health Centres (CHCs) with 30 beds to cover population of 80,000-1,20,000, Sub-District Hospitals with 31-100 beds to cover population of 1,00,000 - 5,00,000 and District Hospital with 101-500 beds to cover population upto 30,00,000.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) 2022-23 (Infrastructure & Human Resources), formerly known as Rural Health Statistics, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs states that there were 8,18,661 beds at PHC, CHC, Sub District Hospital, District Hospital and Medical Colleges in India as on 31.03.2023.

The details of State/Union Territories (UTs) wise availability of hospital beds in the country are available at website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the Uniform Resources Locator (URL) as under:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

It is primary responsibility of the State/Union Territories(UTs) to make efforts for increasing bed strength in the hospitals under their jurisdiction in accordance with requirement and fund availability. However, the Central Government provides assistance to the State/UT Governments in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to people through various schemes. The details of the schemes are as under:

- **National Health Mission (NHM):** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, 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.
- **PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM):** Under the Central Sponsored Scheme (CSS) components of the scheme, support for 100 and 50-bedded Critical Care Hospital Blocks (CCBs) at district hospitals or medical colleges for an amount of Rs.18,799.21 Crore have been accorded to States/UTs for FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 for setting up of 621 CCBs. Under Central Sector component of PM-ABHIM, 150 bedded Critical Care Blocks are envisaged to be established in 12 AIIMS and Institute of National Importance (INIs).
- **India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package II (ECRP-II):** The “India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package”: Phase II for Rs.23,123 Crore. The ECRP-II has the Central Sector (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) components. Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) includes central Share as well as State Share. Under the Central Sponsored, components include support to State/UT level through NHM Framework with a State Share as is applicable in NHM. Under ECRP-II, to respond to the bed availability during Covid-19 pandemic, the following sanctions were given to the States/UTs to improve bed availability in Public Sector Hospitals including Medical Colleges. The details are as under:
 - Total 37,834 ICU beds inclusive of 9,873 Pediatric ICU Beds, 7,008 Pediatric High Dependency Unit (HDU) Beds, 20,953 Adult ICU Beds in Medical Colleges, District Hospitals and Sub-Divisional Hospitals.
 - 26 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) (50 bedded) in Hilly States in the Hilly and North Eastern State/UTs.
- **15th Finance Commission (FC-XV):** The Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) has recommended grants through local governments for specific components of the health sector to the tune of Rs.70,051 Crore. Under FC XV Health Sector Grants, 2673 Building-less PHCs approved for an amount of Rs 3652.65 Crore for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.
- **The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY):** It aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country. The scheme has two

components, namely, (i) Setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); and (ii) Up-gradation of existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions (GMCIs). So far setting up of 22 New AIIMS and 75 projects of upgradation of GMCIs have been approved under the scheme in various phases.

- Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for '**Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals**', a total of 157 Medical Colleges have been approved in the country.
