

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3600  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**EXPANSION OF AAMs IN BIHAR**

**3600. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:**

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

- (a) the number of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) operationalised in Bihar since the scheme's expansion in 2023;
- (b) whether urban primary health centres in Patna have been upgraded under this initiative;
- (c) the financial assistance provided for strengthening diagnostic and telemedicine facilities; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure availability of trained medical personnel and essential medicines in upgraded health centres?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): As reported by States/UTs on AAM portal, a total of 1.84 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) have been operationalized by strengthening Sub-health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the country, which deliver 12 expanded range of comprehensive primary healthcare services encompassing preventive, promotive, palliative, rehabilitative, and curative care. 12,382 AAMs have been operationalized in Bihar so far, as reported by the State and of which 430 AAMs including 29 Urban PHCs are functional in Patna.

The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, human resources in health facilities, availability and accessibility to quality healthcare across the country including Bihar. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) 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 NHM. Approval is accorded to the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources. The details of RoPs issued to States/UTs including Bihar, are available at following web link:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=1377&lid=744>

Trained human resource, essential drugs and diagnostics, IT equipment and internet connectivity are available at all AAMs. Under Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiative, Government of India provides financial support to States/UTs for 106 drugs & 14 diagnostic tests at SHC-AAM and 172 drugs & 63 tests at PHC-AAM level.

The teleconsultation services, available at all operational AAMs across the country including Bihar, enables people to access the specialist services closer to their homes addressing concerns of physical accessibility, shortage of service providers and to facilitate continuum of care. Total teleconsultations conducted at AAMs are 44.08 crore, as on 28.02.2026, across the country.

For SHC-AAM, operational guidelines for AAMs provide for Community Health Officer (CHO), Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and Multipurpose worker -Male along with ASHAs in the catchment area. For PHC-AAM, the norms provide for Medical Officer, staff nurses, pharmacist, Health Assistants and Lab technician. States carry out regular recruitment process as per the vacancy and provide skill based/in service training.

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