

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3616
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2026**

HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

3616: DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) the total financial allocation under the current budget for healthcare infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh, specifically regarding the expansion of district-level trauma centers and the establishment of new allied health professional institutions;
- (b) whether there is a plan to locate the newly announced National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences in Himachal Pradesh to address regional mental health disparities in the Himalayan belt;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to support the State's ₹3,000 crore healthcare modernization project through integration with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

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

(a) to (c): As per para 88 of Budget Announcement for FY 2026 – 27, “Emergencies expose families, particularly the poor and vulnerable, to unexpected expenditure. We will strengthen and increase these capacities by 50% in District Hospitals by establishing Emergency and Trauma Care Centres”. In this regard, a Post Budget Webinar was conducted on 09.03.2026 by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare where discussions were held on implementation strategy of the budget announcement for Strengthening Emergency & Trauma Care in District Hospitals.

As per para 87 of Budget announcement for FY 2026-27: “There are no national institutes for mental healthcare in North India. We will therefore set up a NIMHANS-2 and also upgrade

National Mental Health Institutes in Ranchi and Tezpur as Regional Apex Institutions.” Under Manpower Development Scheme-A of National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), 25 Centres of Excellence have been sanctioned to increase the intake of students in PG departments in mental health specialities as well as to provide tertiary level treatment facilities. Further, the Government has also supported 19 Government medical colleges/institutions to strengthen 47 PG Departments in mental health specialities under Manpower Development Scheme-B.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College, Kangra, Tanda, Himachal Pradesh is supported under the Tertiary Care Component of the NMHP through the Manpower Development Scheme-A. A total amount of Rs.31.45 crore were sanctioned to the Institute, out of which Rs.28.30 Crore were Central share. The entire approved Central share of Rs.28.30 crore have already been released to this Institutes under the scheme. Further, under Manpower Development Scheme-B, an amount of Rs.49.27 lakh out of the total approved Central share of Rs.65.70 Lakh have been released to Indira Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Shimla for strengthening the PG Department.

Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has informed that there is only token provision of Rs.4 Lakh for Trauma Centers in the current financial Year 2025-26. In addition to this the budgetary provision of Rs.156.57 Cr under State Budget for Civil Works has been made during the current F.Y. 2025-26. Further, the current budget allocation of health sector of different National programme under NHM is built in PIP of financial year 2026-27. However, under PM -ABHIM, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, Himachal Pradesh received an amount of Rs. 184.64 cr. for Health system strengthening (especially critical care and diagnostic infrastructure).

(d): The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by the Government of India in September 2021 to support the development of an integrated, citizen-centric national digital health ecosystem. ABDM is a Central Sector Scheme, under which States and Union Territories are provided funds for supporting human resources deployed for ABDM implementation, capacity building of various stakeholders and IEC (information, education & communication). Till 19th March 2026, an amount of Rs. 1.28 Cr has been disbursed to Himachal Pradesh.
