

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3624  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**ASSESSMENT OF ADEQUACY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

**3624 # SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding the adequacy and accessibility of health services for tribal communities living in desert and geographically remote areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details regarding the availability and functioning of mobile medical units, telemedicine facilities and primary health services in such tribal areas of the country, State-wise, especially with regard to desert regions of Rajasthan; and
- (c) whether there is any coordination mechanism in place between the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and health departments for the planning, financing and implementation of tribal health programs in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE**

**(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject. The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support to the States for improvement in health infrastructure, human resources in health facilities, availability and accessibility to quality healthcare across the country including desert and geographically remote areas through Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), as per the proposal received from the States and as per the norms and available resources.

Under NHM, the performance of various health programmes is regularly assessed in the country including desert and geographically remote areas, through review meetings, mid term reviews of key deliverables, field visits of senior officials, promoting performance by setting up benchmarks for service delivery & rewarding achievements etc. Common Review Missions (CRMs) are conducted annually to assess and monitor the progress and implementation status of various schemes.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) (Infrastructure & Human Resources), is an annual

publication, based on healthcare administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of availability of health infrastructure across the country including tribal areas, State/UT-wise, may be seen at the following link of HDI 2022-23:

[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](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)

A total of 1.84 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) have been established and operationalized in the country, including 31,023 AAMs in 178 tribal districts and 13,184 AAMs in Rajasthan, which deliver expanded range of comprehensive primary healthcare services encompassing preventive, promotive, palliative, rehabilitative, and curative care.

These AAMs incrementally provide 12 package of primary health care services across urban, rural and tribal dominated, encompassing Reproductive and child care services, Communicable diseases, Non Communicable diseases (NCD), Palliative Care and elderly Care, Care for common mental disorders, neurological conditions (epilepsy, dementia) and substance use disorders management (tobacco, alcohol, drugs), Oral health, ENT care, and Basic emergency care.

Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) are supported under NHM to provide outreach services in remote villages with difficult terrain which are underserved and inaccessible. As per NHM-MIS report, a total of 1453 MMUs have been deployed across the country including Rajasthan.

The teleconsultation services, available at all operational AAMs across the country including tribal and desert regions, 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.

Coordination mechanisms exist between the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), as well as with State Health Departments, for planning, financing and implementation of tribal health programmes. Under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), launched on 15th November, 2023 by MoTA, further relaxation in NHM norms has been provided up to 10 MMUs per district with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas. Norms have been relaxed for one additional Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) for each Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) constructed by MoTA. As per MMU portal, 815 MMUs under PM-JANMAN and 320 MMUs under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) are operational across the country including Rajasthan for providing basic health services in tribal areas till 18.02.2026.

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