

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1082
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY 2026**

**STATUS OF HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE-DELIVERY SYSTEMS
IN TAMIL NADU**

1082. DR. M. DHANAPAL:

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

- (a) the present status of healthcare infrastructure and service-delivery systems in Tamil Nadu, including primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities;
- (b) the measures undertaken by Government to strengthen healthcare access, disease surveillance and medical infrastructure in the State;
- (c) the major public-health challenges identified in the State and the action taken thereon;
- (d) the initiatives proposed to be taken for improving healthcare outcomes, medical manpower and quality of healthcare services in the State; and
- (e) the allocation and utilisation of central assistance under major health programmes in the State during the last three years, district-wise?

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

(a): “Public Health” and “Hospital” are State Subject and the responsibility for strengthening of healthcare system including human resource adequacy and service availability in the public health facilities lies with respective State/UT Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs based on proposals received from States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plan within their resource envelop.

As per the Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure & Human Resources) 2023–24 report, Tamil Nadu has a well-developed public healthcare network comprising 445 Community Health Centres, 266 Sub-District Hospitals and 37 District Hospitals. In addition, the State has 35 Government Medical Colleges. Further, 8454 Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAMs) are operationalized in the State.

(b): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has rolled out and implemented various national schemes and programs under National Health Mission (NHM), and other flagship schemes, to strengthen the public health system and provide accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare services to all. The various important programs and initiatives taken by the Government of India to improve the healthcare services in India including Tamil Nadu includes Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM), Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Strengthening of Community Health Centres (CHCs) as First Referral Units (FRUs), Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) 2022, National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS),

Mobile Medical Units (MMUs), National Ambulance Services (NAS), Free Diagnostics Service Initiative (FDSI), Free Drugs Service Initiative (FDSI) etc.

Further, the implementation progress and performance of schemes are regularly monitored through regular review meetings, field visits conducted through NHM and Common Review Mission (CRM). Periodic assessments (e.g. National Family Health Survey, Sample Registration System) are used to gauge health indicators and implementation status.

(c) & (d): As per the information provided by the State of Tamil Nadu, the major public-health challenges identified in the State and the action taken thereon is given below:

- Non-Communicable Diseases: The Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam (MTM) programme provides doorstep screening, home delivery of medicines for individuals aged 45 years and above.
- Rising cancer incidence: The Tamil Nadu Cancer Management Mission conducts screening for oral, breast and cervical cancers.
- Mental health and well-being: The Mana Nala Mental Health Mission is being strengthened through expansion of the District Mental Health Programme across all districts, strengthening the Institute of Mental Health and TNIMHANS, establishment of Emergency Care and Recovery Centres.

The Government of India (GoI) supports States in recruiting and retaining specialists in public health facilities through the innovative “You Quote, We Pay” scheme under NHM, which allows specialists to negotiate lucrative and flexible salaries. There are also provisions for engaging specialists on a per-case basis if required.

(e): Under NHM, funds are released to the States/UTs under flexible pools on a lump sum basis to provide greater flexibility to States to utilize the funds as per their felt need and priorities. Every year, the programme are approved for States based on their Program Implementation Plan (PIP) submitted to MoHFW. Year-wise details of the approved programmes which are part of the approved PIPs (Record of Proceedings-ROPs) for the States including Tamil Nadu can be accessed at: <https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=1377&lid=744> .

The details of Central Release and Expenditure for the State of Tamil Nadu under NHM and PM-ABHIM during FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26 is given as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	NHM		PM-ABHIM	
	Central Release	Expenditure (including State share)	Central Release	Expenditure (including State share)
2023-24	1996.06	3104.16	279.36	389.37
2024-25	1742.67	3461.74	224.99	512.33
2025-26	1714.44	3191.61	172.51	283.44
