

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1861
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST 2026**

STATUS OF RURAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU UNDER NHM

1861. SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) the current status of rural health infrastructure in Tamil Nadu under the National Health Mission (NHM), the details of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) upgraded during the last five years;
- (b) the details of sanctioned versus vacant posts of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in rural health facilities, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has assessed gaps in availability of ambulances, essential medicines, diagnostic services and emergency care in rural and remote areas;
- (d) the funds allocated and utilised for strengthening rural health infrastructure during the last three years; and
- (e) the measures taken to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in rural regions?

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

(a) to (c): ‘Public Health’ & ‘Hospitals’ are State subjects. 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 rural areas of Tamil Nadu. Under NHM, 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. In the PIP, States can propose availability of ambulances, essential medicines, diagnostic services and emergency care in rural and remote areas. However, strengthening of public health infrastructure and availability of manpower is primarily the responsibility of State Government.

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 (388 rural, 39 urban and 18 tribal), 266 Sub-District Hospitals, and 37 District Hospitals.**

Further, as per Health Dynamics of India (HDI), 2023-24, details of human resources in rural and urban areas of the country including Tamil Nadu may be seen at the following link:

(d): The details of Central share released and expenditure incurred under National Health Mission (NHM) in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Amount of Central share released	Amount of Expenditure
1	2023-24	1996.06	3104.16
2	2024-25	1742.67	3461.74
3	2025-26	1714.44	3191.61

Note: The expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State Release and unspent fund at the beginning of Financial year.

The RoPs for the state of Tamil Nadu can be assessed through the link: <https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=59&lid=72>

(e): Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India implements various schemes to improve the maternal health and child health services across all States and Union Territories, including rural areas, includes Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) and Monthly Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND).

Additionally, Antenatal care and Postnatal Care aims to strengthen the quality of care. Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) are responsible for prompt detection, and referral of such high-risk mothers.

Further, improvement of maternal health services is taken up by strengthening of infrastructure, including functionalization of First Referral Units (FRUs), setting up of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Wings, operationalization of Obstetric High Dependency Units & Intensive Care Units (Obst. HDU & ICU), establishment of Birth Waiting Homes (BWHs) in rural areas. Reproductive, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH + N) service and immunization is provided in all healthcare facilities near community.
