

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1883
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026**

PAEDIATRIC ENDOCRINE HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

1883 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) the steps taken to address the alarming rise in paediatric endocrine and thyroid case volumes across the country, as highlighted by highly dense localised clusters like the 300 children under treatment in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided by Government under National Health Mission (NHM) to Himachal Pradesh specifically for paediatric endocrine care and diagnostic infrastructure during the last three years; and
- (c) the measures taken to ensure every State-run tertiary medical institution has at least one functional, fully staffed Paediatric Endocrine Unit across the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a) Under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Mobile Health Teams (MHT) conduct health screening of children for selected health conditions from birth to 18 years for the four D's: Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, and Development delays at Anganwadi Centre and Government & Government aided Schools across the country including the State of Himachal Pradesh. The programmatic framework of 38 health conditions includes paediatric endocrine conditions such as Diabetes Mellitus and Congenital Hypothyroidism. The identified children are referred to the higher centres for appropriate treatment and management.

- (b) As per the State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP), the expenditure on Child Health under National Health Mission (NHM) for the State of Himachal Pradesh from the FY 2023–24 to 2025–26 is as given below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs)
2023-24	1,580.85
2024-25	1,489.24
2025-26	2,065.30

- (c) Under the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategy of the National Health Mission (NHM), States and Union Territories (UTs) are provided financial and technical support based on their respective State Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), in accordance with the NHM norms. Children suspected with endocrine health conditions are referred to higher secondary and tertiary care public health facilities including medical colleges for confirmation and further management.
