

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2026**

OPERATIONALIZATION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRES IN ODISHA

287. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) the total number of Health and Wellness Centres/Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operationalised in Odisha against the target, district-wise;
- (b) the range of services, including Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening, being provided at these centres in tribal and remote blocks;
- (c) whether shortage of doctors, paramedical staff or essential medicines has been reported from any of these centres in the State;
- (d) if so, the details and steps taken to address the shortage;
- (e) whether the impact of these centres on reducing patient load on district and tertiary hospitals in Odisha has been assessed; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) to (f): As Public Health & hospitals fall under the State list, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including strengthening of healthcare facilities lies with the respective State/UT Governments. Under National Health Mission (NHM), the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides the technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen their public healthcare system, based on the requirements posted by States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) and within the overall resource envelope.

As per information provided by the State of Odisha, the district-wise details of the number of Health and Wellness Centres/Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) operationalised in the state against the target is attached at **Annexure-I**.

The AAMs incrementally provide 12 package of primary health care services across the country including tribal and remote areas of Odisha encompassing Reproductive and child care services, 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.

As informed by the State of Odisha, the State has not reported any widespread shortage of doctors, paramedical staff or essential medicines at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) or other healthcare facilities that has adversely affected service delivery. However, vacancies arising due to retirement, transfer, resignation, or other administrative reasons are filled up on a regular basis through recruitment and deployment processes undertaken by the Government from time to time to ensure continuity of healthcare services.

State has established a robust drug procurement and supply chain management system to ensure uninterrupted availability of essential medicines across public healthcare facilities. At present, the overall availability of essential medicines in healthcare centres is around 99%, ensuring that patients receive the required medicines free of cost with minimal disruption.

Further, State has also informed that the operationalisation of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) has strengthened Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CHC) by providing preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative healthcare services closer to communities, including tribal and remote areas. As a result, an increasing number of patients are receiving treatment for primary healthcare conditions at AAMs, while only those requiring specialized care are referred to higher-level facilities.

**District-wise details of Operational Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) in
Odisha**

Sl. No.	District	AAM Target (2024–26)	AAM Operational
1	Angul	215	183
2	Balasore	390	313
3	Bargarh	275	271
4	Bhadrak	261	260
5	Bolangir	298	251
6	Boudh	87	74
7	Cuttack	437	416
8	Deogarh	51	43
9	Dhenkanal	225	186
10	Gajapati	164	144
11	Ganjam	622	530
12	Jagatsinghpur	237	194
13	Jajpur	342	291
14	Jharsuguda	104	101
15	Kalahandi	304	260
16	Kandhamal	221	221
17	Kendrapara	287	241
18	Keonjhar	449	382
19	Khordha	315	270
20	Koraput	370	262
21	Malkangiri	189	103
22	Mayurbhanj	706	619
23	Nabarangpur	336	224
24	Nayagarh	228	186
25	Nuapada	118	101
26	Puri	322	273
27	Rayagada	283	243
28	Sambalpur	225	210
29	Sonepur	114	94
30	Sundargarh	487	433
Total		8662	7379