

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1253  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**MODERN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN RURAL REGIONS**

**1253. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to provide modern health care facilities on lines of AIIMS, New Delhi in the country particularly rural regions keeping in view the acute shortage of adequate health care facilities therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): Public Health and Hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of adequate and modern public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under NHM, financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including provision of modern health care facilities, based on the requirements posed by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). As per Govt. approval, support under NHM is provided to the States/UTs up to the District Hospital level. Tertiary and super speciality health facilities are not covered under NHM.

With the primary objective of correcting the imbalances in availability of affordable/reliable tertiary level healthcare in the country in general and to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country, the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) has been announced with two components:

- (i) Setting up of AIIMS-like institutions; and
- (ii) Up-gradation of Government Medical Colleges Institutions.

Under PMSSY, on the lines of facilities available in AIIMS, New Delhi, Government has already announced 20 new AIIMS in different parts of the country. Out of these 20 AIIMS, 6 AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur & Rishikesh, are functional and 6 AIIMS at Rae Bareli, Nagpur, Kalyani, Guntur, Gorakhpur and Bathinda are in various stages of construction. AIIMS at Bilaspur and Guwahati have also been approved for setting up.

In addition, 73 Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) have been taken up for upgradation in various parts of the country to provide super speciality medical care facilities.

Though such facilities are established in urban areas, however, these new AIIMS and the healthcare facilities created under the various GMC upgradation projects also cater to the needs of rural population in the region where these facilities are created.