

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3563  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**HOSPITAL FACILITIES TO TRIBALS**

**3563. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the lack of advanced hospital facilities in the government sector and shortage of healthcare personnel in the district of Wayanad in Kerala for the last several decades and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the tribals of Wayanad cannot afford private hospitals; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): No such information is available at central level. Public Health & Hospitals being a State subject the primary responsibility to ensure the availability of advanced hospital facilities and healthcare professional is that of respective State Government. Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is being provided to States for strengthening their healthcare system including support for strengthening and upgradation of health infrastructure including operationalization of First Referral units, human resource on contractual basis including for specialists on contractual basis, free essential drugs and diagnostics, free dialysis for poor etc. Support under NHM is based on proposal received from the States in their Programme Implementation Plans.

(b) & (c): Under NHM, all districts whose composite health index is below the State average have been identified as High Priority Districts (HPDs) for targeted interventions and Wayanad has been identified as a HPD. NITI Aayog has also identified Wayanad district as an Aspirational district for prioritised interventions in areas of health & nutrition, education, agriculture and allied, financial inclusion and skill development and basic infrastructure.

As per information received from the State Government, four primary health Centres in the tribal area has been upgraded as Family Health Centres (FHCs) in Appappara, Vagappally, Noolpuzha and Poothady. In all these Centres additional manpower and infrastructure development has been done. All FHCs provide outpatient and diagnostics services.