

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th JULY, 2018**

FREE PATHOLOGY TESTS

682. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide free pathology lab testing facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise particularly in Delhi/NCR; and
- (c) the details of plan outlay of the said scheme?

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

(a) to (c): Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry has developed Operational Guidelines for the NHM Free Diagnostics Services Initiative and disseminated among States/UTs on 2nd July, 2015. The Operational Guidelines provide an illustrative list of essential diagnostics including pathology lab tests for various levels of health facilities and also include 3 models of PPP- (i) Hub and spoke model for lab diagnostics (ii) Teleradiology and (iii) CT scan services in District Hospital. The details of the scheme is at http://www.nhsrindia.org/sites/default/files/practice_file/Free%20Diagnostics%20Service%20Initiative.pdf.

The Free Diagnostic Service Initiative- Lab Investigations has been rolled out in 30 States/UTs. 22 States are providing these services through in house facilities and 08 States are providing these services through PPP mode.

The Delhi Govt. has also rolled out the program and is providing free pathological tests through empaneled hospitals in Mohalla Clinics from State resources.

Under National Health Mission, States project their requirements of funds through annual Program Implementation Plans which are approved after due appraisal. In 2017-2018, an approval of ₹761.18 crore was accorded to 30 states/UTs. The total budget approved so far is Rs 587.51 Crores for 2018-2019 for 15 States.

States/ UT wise details are given at **Annexure I & II**.

Amount Approved for National Free Diagnostic Initiative including Free Pathological services
2017-18

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	State	Amount Approved for Free Diagnostic
1	Bihar	428.50
2	Chattisgarh	59.50
3	Himachal Pradesh	547.00
4	Jammu & Kashmir	500.00
5	Madhya Pradesh	4000.00
6	Orissa	207.62
7	Rajasthan	2700.00
8	Uttar Pradesh	4738.43
9	Uttarakhand	1109.98
10	Arunachal Pradesh	392.97
11	Assam	2712.42
12	Manipur	500.00
13	Meghalaya	451.69
14	Nagaland	150.00
15	Sikkim	268.84
16	Tripura	133.85
17	Andhra Pradesh	13611.00
18	Goa	10.00
19	Gujarat	2000.00
20	Karnataka	10820.75
21	Maharashtra	13853.24
22	Punjab	2411.90
23	Tamil Nadu	6185.00
24	Telangana	2000.00
25	West Bengal	6000.00
26	Chandigarh	168.00
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	30.00
28	Daman & Diu	32.21
29	Delhi	75.00
30	Puducherry	20.00
	Grand Total	76117.90

Amount Approved for National Free Diagnostic Initiative including Free Pathological services 2018-19

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	State	Amount Approved for Free Diagnostic
1	Himachal Pradesh	1300.00
2	Manipur	700.00
3	Mizoram	23.48
4	Sikkim	303.27
5	Andhra Pradesh	11986.18
6	Tamil Nadu	2850.00
7	Chattisgarh	500.00
8	Bihar	5400.00
9	Assam	4695.07
10	Uttar Pradesh	343.00
11	Telangana	2682.00
12	Maharashtra	16198.94
13	Madhya Pradesh	10969.69
14	Jammu & Kashmir	700.00
15	Nagaland	100.00
	Total	58751.63

Rest of the states, ROP not yet approved.