

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH JULY, 2019
HEALTH INDICATORS IN TRIBAL AREAS**

3342. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the relatively weak health indicators among the tribal communities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to address the issue?

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

(a) & (b) An Expert Committee on Tribal Health was constituted jointly by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs which submitted its report to the Ministry. The Report is available in public domain at https://nhm.gov.in/New_Updates_2018/NHM_Components/Health_System_Strengthening/tribal_health/Tribal-Health-Report.pdf. The status of Tribal Health has been summarized in the report as under:

“Tribal people have the poorest health status and they carry a triple burden of disease. Moreover, despite the high reliance of the tribal people on the public health care system in Scheduled Areas, it continues to be characterized by low output, low quality and low outcome delivery system, often targeting wrong priorities.

An important reason behind this is the near complete absence of community participation in the planning, design and implementation of health services. Therefore, restructuring and strengthening of the public health care system, in accordance with the needs and aspirations of the tribal communities, and with their full participation, should be the highest priority for the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare, both at the Centre and in the states”.

Public Health & Hospitals” being a State subject, the primary responsibility of provision of healthcare to all including tribal population is that of respective State Government.

However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health care systems including for setting up/upgrading public health facilities, augmenting health human resource on contractual basis for provision of equitable, affordable healthcare to all its citizens particularly the poor and vulnerable population including tribal population based on requirements posed by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Under NHM, tribal areas already enjoy relaxed norms for setting up public health facilities including “time to care” norm for setting up sub health Centres in tribal areas within 30 minutes of walk from habitation and relaxed norm for Mobile Medical Units for tribal areas; extra one MMU if it exceeds 30 patients per day against 60 patients per day in plain areas for bringing healthcare delivery to the doorsteps of the population.

Further, all tribal majority districts whose composite health index is below the State average have been identified as High Priority Districts (HPDs) and these districts receive more resources per capita under the NHM as compared to the rest of the districts in the State. These districts receive higher per capita funding, have enhanced monitoring and focused supportive supervision and are encouraged to adopt innovative approaches to address their peculiar health challenges.

The Allocation of funds under Scheduled Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of major health schemes/ programme during 2016-17 to 2018-19 are at Annexure-I to Annexure-III.

As per Rural Health Statistics the change in health facilities in Tribal areas versus All India between 2005 and 2018 is given as below:

Facilities	All India		Tribal Areas	
	2005	2018	2005	2018
CHCs	3346	5624	643	1017
PHCs	23236	25743	2809	3971
SCs	146026	158417	16748	28091
Total	172608	189784	20200	33079
% increase	9.95		63.75	

Allocation of funds under Scheduled Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of major health schemes/programme during 2016-17 (Rs in Crores)

No.	Name of Scheme	STC
<i>A.</i>	National Mental Health Programme (NMHP)	4.12
<i>B.</i>	Trauma Centres	22.16
<i>C.</i>	National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (NPCDCS)	30.58
<i>D.</i>	National Programme for Health Care for the Elderly (NPHCE)	2.50
<i>E.</i>	Human Resources for Health	65.93
<i>F.</i>	NRHM- RCH Flexi Pool	1328.16
<i>G.</i>	National Urban Health Mission –Flexi Pool	109.18
<i>H.</i>	Flexible Pool for Communicable Diseases	138.36
<i>I.</i>	Flexible Pool for Non-Communicable Diseases, Injury & Trauma	62.16
<i>J.</i>	Infrastructure Maintenance	596.54
<i>K.</i>	Rashtriya Swasthya SuraksPha Yojana	212.50
	TOTAL	2572.19

Source :- Annual Report 2016-17 MoH&FW

Annexure-II**Allocation of funds under Scheduled Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of major health schemes/program during 2017-18 (Rs in Crores)**

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	TSP
A	National Rural Health Mission	
1	RCH Flexible Pool including Routine Immunization Programme, Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme etc.	483.22
2	Health Systems Strengthening under NRHM	932.16
3	Flexible Pool for Communicable Diseases	179.56
4	Flexible Pool for Non-Communicable Diseases, Injury and Trauma	110.66
5	Infrastructure Maintenance	589.51
6	Prime Minister's Development Plan for Jammu and Kashmir	37.17
	Total National Rural Health Mission	2332.28
B	National Urban Health Mission	24.15
C	National Health Protection Scheme	107.40
D	Tertiary Care Programme	
1	National Mental Health Programme	4.12
2	Capacity Building for Trauma Centres	20.42
3	National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-Vascular Disease and Stroke	27.92
4	National Programme for Health Care for Elderly	6.12
	Total- Tertiary Care Programme	58.58
E	Human Resources for Health and Medical Education	
1	Strengthening Government Medical Colleges(UG Seats) and Central Govt Health Institutions	51.55
2	Establishing New Medical Colleges (Upgrading District Hospitals)	398.90
	Total – Human Resources for Health and Medical Education	450.45
	Grand Total	2972.86

Source :- Annual Report 2017-18 MoH&FW

Annexure-III**Allocation of funds under Scheduled Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of major health schemes/programme during 2018-19 (Rs in Crores)**

		(Rs. in Crores)
Sl. No.	Details of the Schemes	ST Allocation 2018-19
A	National Rural Health Mission	
1	RCH Flexible Pool including Routine Immunization Programme, Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme etc.	776.20
2	Health System Strengthening under NRHM	1073.54
3	Flexible Pool for Communicable Diseases	204.14
4	Flexible Pool for Non-Communicable Diseases, Injury and Trauma	51.02
5	Infrastructure Maintenance	718.69
6	Forward Linkages	0.00
7	Strengthening of State Drug Regulatory System	22.24
8	Other Health Schemes (PILOT)	0.00
9	Prime Minister's Development Plan for Jammu and Kashmir	32.59
10	Strengthening of National Programme Management of the NHM	0.00
11	ASHA Benefits Packages	51.77
	Total - National Rural Health Mission	2930.19
B	National Urban Health Mission	26.33
C	Tertiary Care Programme	
1	National Mental Health Programme	
2	Capacity Building for Trauma Centres	
3	National Programme for prevention and control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-vascular Disease and Stroke	14.95
4	National Programme for Health Care for the Elderly	
5	National Programme for Control of Blindness	
6	Tobacco Control Programme & Drug De-addiction Programme	
7	Telemedicine	
	Total - Tertiary Care Programme	14.95
D	Human Resources for Health and Medical Education	
1	Upgradation/Strengthening of Nursing Services (ANM/GNM).	
2	Strengthening/upgradation of Pharmacy School/Colleges.	

3	District Hospitals-Upgradation of State Govt. Medical Colleges (PG Seats)	
4	Strengthening Government Medical College (UG Seats) and Central Government Health Institutions	85.76
5	Establishing New Medical Colleges (Upgrading District Hospitals)	299.29
6	Setting up State Institutions of Para-Medical Sciences in States and Setting up of Colleges of Para-Medical Education.	0.00
	Total - Human Resources for Health and Medical Education	385.05
	Total - National Health Mission	3356.52
E	Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY)	
1	Support from Gross Budgetary	25.80
2	Support from National Investment	0.00
	Total Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY)	25.80
	Grand Total	3382.32

Source - Budget Division MoH&FW