

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 1708
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th DECEMBER, 2022**

MODERNIZING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

1708. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that in spite of high budget estimates the actual health expenditure of the Government to GDP is consistently below 1.4 per cent during the last five consecutive years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has issued/proposed to issue guidelines to States to modernize the hospitals with modern equipment and facilities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government intends to provide free medical treatment to all its citizen and if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) & (b): As per the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates, Government health expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product in India during the latest five years, for which data is available is as:

Year	Government Health Expenditure as percentage (%) of GDP
2014-15	1.13
2015-16	1.18
2016-17	1.2
2017-18	1.35
2018-19	1.28

Source: National Health Accounts Estimates for India

(c) & (d): Government is providing technical and financial support to state government through various schemes to improve health Infrastructure and to provide accessible, affordable & quality health care to citizens. Government has initiated various schemes/programmes to supplement the efforts of the State/UT governments and to provide quality healthcare across the country. Details of financial assistance provided during the last three years to the States/UTs for the activity of hospital strengthening and new constructions/renovation / setting up is as per **Annexure**.

The Government has launched four mission mode projects, namely PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (ABHWCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). Other notable initiatives which have contributed to this increase in health expenditure include schemes viz., National Health Mission (NHM), setting up of new AIIMS and upgrading of Government medical colleges under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY), support to State/UTs for setting up of new medical colleges as well as for increasing UG and PG medical seats , provision of free drugs and free diagnostic facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Community Health Centres (CHC) and district hospital level, substantial increase in availability of government ambulances etc. The Fifteenth Finance Commission has also recommended health grants aggregating to Rs. 70,051 crore to local governments for addressing the gaps in primary health infrastructure in rural and urban areas.

Under NHM, the flagship programme of the government, many steps have been taken towards supporting the State Governments in providing accessible & affordable healthcare to people. Financial and technical support are provided to States/UTs to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population, in both urban and rural areas. The NHM provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to man health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups in rural areas. Major initiatives for which States are supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementation of NHM Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, PM National Dialysis Programme and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework.

Under the PM-ABHIM, focus is on developing capacities of health system and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels viz. primary, secondary and tertiary and on preparing health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics and disasters. PM-ABHIM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with some Central Sector Components with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crore.

Under Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), a comprehensive need-based healthcare services covering maternal and child health services and non-communicable diseases, including free essential drugs, diagnostic services and tele consultation services are provided to all citizens of the country. The HWCs are strengthening existing Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). A total number of 1,31,150 HWCs have already been operationalized.

The Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) - a centrally sponsored scheme provides health coverage upto Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx. 50 crore beneficiaries). Approx 20.96 Crore Ayushman cards have been verified and approximately 4.18 crore hospital admission amounting to Rs. 48,934 Crores have been authorized through a network of approximately 26,267 empanelled public and private health care providers.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has been announced on 27th September, 2021 with the aim to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country. It will bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of Healthcare ecosystem through digital highways. A total 27,46,56,356 Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) have already been created till 29.11.2022. Under ABDM more than 1.72 lakh Health Facilities and 1,03,886 Healthcare Professionals are registered.

For providing affordable and accessible Mental Healthcare facilities, the Government is implementing National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the country. The District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) component of the NMHP has been sanctioned for implementation in 704 districts for which support is provided to States/UTs through the NHM. Facilities made available under DMHP at the Community Health Centre and Primary Health Centre levels, include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/ psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe mental disorders, drugs, outreach services, ambulance services etc.

Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) was launched on 10.10.2022 with the aim to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock, particularly to under-served areas and people remotely located. The programme includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS as the nodal centre and International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support.

The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. Besides, quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions.

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Statement Showing the State/UT wise Approvals under Hospital Strengthening and New Constructions/ Renovation and Setting up from the F.Y. 2019-20 to 2021-22

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State/UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	340.00	135.00	159.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	43234.00	14399.00	2583.25
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2549.94	2828.89	5674.45
4	Assam	18009.34	33641.14	23425.82
5	Bihar	52755.20	36745.92	37842.57
6	Chhattisgarh	12983.45	14686.45	15047.86
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.92	5.76	2.88
8	Daman & Diu	5.76		
9	Delhi	1012.12	381.96	681.80
10	Goa	36.32	119.60	125.95
11	Gujarat	3901.65	2185.12	878.22
12	Haryana	7603.28	17020.75	12804.52
13	Himachal Pradesh	5521.00	8731.00	3547.39
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6805.35	4505.65	3433.33
15	Jharkhand	11349.15	10591.96	2494.78
16	Karnataka	25128.33	19381.04	15324.05
17	Kerala	14310.07	11316.81	5897.00
18	Ladakh	0.00	3240.67	3125.00
19	Madhya Pradesh	30611.22	53937.59	25482.92
20	Maharashtra	79683.45	49479.00	55881.84
21	Manipur	1779.33	2633.15	2999.42
22	Meghalaya	954.68	1444.80	1656.32
23	Mizoram	449.17	570.03	35.40
24	Nagaland	1100.19	3943.01	1074.84
25	Odisha	43027.62	21229.04	32846.14
26	Puducherry	58.00	14.88	26.16
27	Punjab	7121.00	9096.00	5201.90
28	Rajasthan	53999.20	96888.58	85616.83
29	Sikkim	693.17	388.52	391.84
30	Tamil Nadu	27386.93	36251.27	26196.13
31	Telangana	31612.33	15012.86	7640.83
32	Tripura	5051.69	4549.00	4998.54
33	Uttar Pradesh	45650.91	147304.31	124665.62
34	Uttarakhand	7082.25	10574.88	13588.14
35	West Bengal	16703.00	18282.20	7984.58

Note:

- The above data comprises of Hospital Strengthening - Up- Gradation of CHCs, PHCs, Dist. Hospitals, Rent and Contingencies and New Constructions/ Renovation and Setting up - CHCs, PHCs, SHCs/Sub Centres, Setting up Infrastructure wing for Civil works, Govt. Dispensaries/ others renovations and Construction of BHO, BemOC and CemOC centres, Major civil works for operationalization of FRU, Major civil works for operationalization of 24 hour services at PHCs, Infrastructure of Training Institutions, SDH, DH, Civil work of DEIC (RBSK), Infrastructure strengthening under NUHM, etc.
- The above data is as per the available Financial Management Reports submitted by the States/UTs.