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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1546 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2023

SETTING UP OF HOSPITALS IN BORDER AREAS

†1546. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

- a) Whether the Government proposes to open new hospitals in the border areas of the country including Rajasthan; and
- b) If so, the details thereof and if not, whether it is likely to be considered in near future?

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

(a) & (b): Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to all the states/UTs including Rajasthan for the creation of health infrastructure in all areas including remote and border areas as per Indian Public Health standards norms. Under Indian Public Health Standards 2022, the health infrastructure can be created at various levels depending upon the population norms, particularly for interior and remote areas. In rural areas, relaxed norms of tribal and hilly population for establishing SHC at 3000 people as against 5000 people in plain, establishing PHC at 20,000 people in hilly and tribal areas as against 120,000 people in plain and establishing CHC at 80,000 people in hilly and tribal areas as against 120,000 people in plain is suggested.

The financial and technical support to the states/UTs is provided under NHM as per the proposals received in the Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) and appraised based upon the need assessment by the National Programme Co-ordination Committee and as per its recommendations, approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare within the defined resource envelope.

MoHFW is also providing support under **Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** to fill critical gaps in public health infrastructure, especially in critical care facilities and primary care in urban and rural areas including border areas. Further, The government of India (GOI) is providing Health Grants under **XV Finance Commission (XV-FC)** channelized through the local government for strengthening the primary health infrastructure in rural and urban areas.
