

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2962
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2023**

HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE IN TRIBAL AREAS

2962. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the healthcare infrastructure in the tribal areas of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any action to improve the healthcare infrastructure in the tribal areas of Gujarat;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (f): In February 2018, the Government of India announced 1,50,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to be established across the country by December 2022. The existing Sub- Health Centres (SHC), Primary Health Centres (PHC) and Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) are transformed into AB-HWCs to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community including Tribal areas.

As on 28.02.2023 a total of 2,548 AB-HWCs have been operationalized in tribal district of Gujarat. District wise details is at Annexure.

Government of India has taken various steps to increase the healthcare infrastructure in Gujarat including the tribal areas are as under:

- The expanded package comprising 12 services are aimed to be provided by AB-HWCs includes screening, prevention, control and management of non-communicable diseases, care for common eye and ENT problems, basic oral health care, elderly and palliative health care services, emergency medical services and screening and basic management of mental health ailments.
- Number of essential medicines and essential diagnostics at AB-HWCs have been increased.

- HWCs are connected through E-Sanjeevni Tele-Consultation to provide specialist consultation in case of need.
- AB-HWCs ensure continuity of care through appropriate referrals and optimal home and community follow-up.
- Wellness-related activities like Yoga, Zumba, and Meditation, 42 annual health calendar days are celebrated by each AB-HWC.
- All tribal majority districts, whose composite health index is below the State average, have been identified as High Priority Districts (HPDs). These districts are to receive higher per capita funding, relaxed norms, enhanced monitoring and focused supportive supervision and encouraged to adopt innovative approaches to address their peculiar health challenges.

National Health Mission (NHM) envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

The details of RoPs issued to Gujarat are available at following web link.

<https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=1377&lid=744>

Annexure

SN	STATE	DISTRICT	HWCs Progressive as on 28.02.2023			
			SHC	PHC	UPHC	TOTAL
1	Gujarat	Navsari	192	45	5	242
2	Gujarat	Mahisagar	173	35	1	209
3	Gujarat	Chhotaudepur	157	50	1	208
4	Gujarat	Tapi	160	38	1	199
5	Gujarat	Valsad	293	51	7	351
6	Gujarat	Panchmahals	218	50	4	272
7	Gujarat	The Dangs	69	10	-	79
8	Gujarat	Bharuch	226	41	5	272
9	Gujarat	Narmada	177	27	1	205
10	Gujarat	Dahod	412	97	2	511