

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3743
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2023**

“ESTABLISHMENT OF INFERTILITY TREATMENT CENTRES”

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SIDDESHWAR SHIVACHARYA
MAHASWAMIJI:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to establish infertility treatment centres such as IVF centres in Government hospitals and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Ministry of Health in Government of Maharashtra for providing financial assistance to establish IVF infertility treatment centres in Government hospitals;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government plans to provide financial assistance to the State of Maharashtra with regard to establishment of IVF centres in Government Hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the process involved for grant of such assistance?

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

(a): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has developed national guidelines for accreditation, supervision and regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Clinics in India and these guidelines have been circulated to all States/UTs.

Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS), 2022 released by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides guidance on the infrastructure, human resource, drugs, diagnostics, equipment, quality and governance requirements for delivering health services at public health facilities.

As per IPHS 2022, there is provision of following at different levels of facilities in reference to infertility:

- i. Counseling for couples with infertility is an essential service to be provided at Primary Health Centre (PHC), Urban-PHC and Polyclinic.

ii. At District Hospital/Sub-District Hospital/Community Health Centre, Obstetrics & Gynaecology specialist to provide services regarding Reproductive Tract Infections (RTI) / Sexually Transmitted infections (STI) and infertility.

(b) to (d): 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.

National Health Mission has not received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra for providing financial assistance to establish IVF infertility treatment centres in Government hospitals for the period 2022-24.
