

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1091
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

SHORTAGE OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS

1091. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

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

- (a) whether the country has a shortage of hospitals, particularly in rural areas and many existing healthcare facilities lack basic equipment and resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the new hospitals built for the fulfilment of inadequate medical infrastructure in the country during last two years and the current year 2023, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the other necessary steps proposed to be taken in near future in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) 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.

As per established norms, in rural areas, a Sub Health Centre for a population of 5,000 (in plain) and 3000 (in hilly and tribal area), a Primary Health Centre for a population of 30,000 (in plains) and 20,000 (in hilly and tribal areas) and Community Health Centre for a

population of 1,20,000 (in plain) and 80,000 (in hilly and tribal area) is suggested. Further, District Hospital (DH), Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and First Referral Unit provide secondary care services for rural & urban area.

Rural Health Statistics (RHS) is an annual publication, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. The RHS for the years 2019-20 and 2021-22 may be accessed at the following links respectively:

https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/RHS%202019-20_2.pdf

<https://hmis.mohfw.gov.in/downloadfile?filepath=publications/Rural-Health-Statistics/RHS%202021-22.pdf>

Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), includes support for infrastructure development for Sub-Health Centers, Urban Health and Wellness Centers, Block Public Health Units, Integrated District Public Health Laboratories and Critical Care Hospital Blocks.

Further, under Fifteenth Finance Commission, Health sector grants for local government have been recommended over the period of five years (2021-2026) to strengthen the healthcare system in states.

Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 22 new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and 75 projects of upgradation of Government Medical Colleges/Institutions (GMCIs) have been approved in various phases so far.
