

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 104
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

PREPAREDNESS FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS

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

- (a) the measures/steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prepare against future pandemics in the country;
- (b) the details of financial assistance extended to the States including Maharashtra to tackle pandemics; and
- (c) the details of the outbreak of diseases reported across the country including Maharashtra during the last year?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Prevention of and preparedness against pandemics is shared global responsibility. In order to better prepare against future pandemics/public health emergencies in the country, Union Ministry of Health provides requisite support to States/UTs to enhance their capabilities.

To enhance disease surveillance activities, Union Ministry of Health has strengthened the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), which allows for a decentralized system of response through trained multi-disciplinary Rapid Response Team (RRTs) to institute requisite public health control and containment measures. IDSP, under Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) has also been strengthened to use advanced data modelling and data analytical tools, contains real-time data reporting, accessible at all levels.

In terms of laboratory strengthening, under IDSP, States have strengthened laboratories at District and State levels. Further, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has established a network of more than 150 Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) for strengthening of nation-wide network of laboratories for timely laboratory based diagnosis of pathogens. In addition besides apex laboratory at National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and four regional NIVs are being established in Jammu, Jabalpur, Dibrugarh and Bengaluru. ICMR has developed two mobile BSL-3 laboratories to provide essential on-site diagnostic services during outbreaks, especially in remote areas. Further, a National Institute for One Health (NIOH) is being established at Nagpur by ICMR to undertake integrated and holistic research and development across human, animal, plant, and environmental health sectors.

With the long-term goal to better prepare country against public health emergencies, **Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** has been launched to enhance the capacity of primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities and institutes for identifying and managing any new and emerging diseases.

(b) Funding support has been provided to States/UTs for health system strengthening to meet any exigency due to public health emergencies like pandemics.

During the FY 2020-21, funds to the tune of Rs. 8473.73 crore have been released to the States/UTs towards the **India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package (ECRP-I)** for health infrastructure

strengthening, expansion of laboratory network, surveillance, procurement of medical logistics etc. Under **India COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health Systems**

Preparedness Package-Phase II, a sum of Rs. 12,740.22 crore support was provided to States/UTs for ramping up health infrastructure and provision of medical logistics. Besides this, States have also been supported in terms of installation of PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption plants) plants.

State/UT wise details of central release of grants in aid through **National Health Mission (NHM)** under the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package Phase-I and II and Central Release under **Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** (FY 2021-24) (including funds provided to Maharashtra) is placed at **Annexure I**.

(c) As reported by States/UTs, a total of 1,802 disease outbreaks including Acute Diarrheal Diseases, Chickenpox, Cholera etc. were reported last year (till 17th December, 2023).

Annexure I

State/UT wise details of central release of grants in aid through NHM under the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package Phase-I and II and Central release under PM-ABHIM (FY 2021-24) (all figures in Rs. Crores)

S. No.	State/UT	ECRP-I	ECRP-II	Central release under PM-ABHIM from FY 2021-24*
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	14.87	14.22	1.11
2	Andhra Pradesh	441.94	417.91	55.29
3	Arunachal Pradesh	22.47	149.13	9.49
4	Assam	222.47	731.22	151.47
5	Bihar	200.73	1032.87	133.03
6	Chandigarh	36.54	9.47	9.98
7	Chhattisgarh	118.61	376.07	44.78
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	4.77	4.76	0.24
9	Delhi	801.71	30.21	-
10	Goa	19.36	11.78	3.81
11	Gujarat	311.99	479.22	75.58
12	Haryana	194.95	182.42	30.04
13	Himachal Pradesh	56.61	344.79	28.05
14	Jammu & Kashmir	197.76	407.30	39.12
15	Jharkhand	74.22	383.34	330.01
16	Karnataka	437.64	504.04	117.98
17	Kerala	622.78	173.89	28.64
18	Ladakh	44.98	62.51	0.31
19	Lakshadweep	0.89	1.49	0.63
20	Madhya Pradesh	293.95	874.35	273.90
21	Maharashtra	1248.08	820.77	21.52
22	Manipur	21.09	98.73	22.37
23	Meghalaya	15.61	104.12	52.93
24	Mizoram	10.19	61.25	6.22
25	Nagaland	10.57	77.60	4.78
26	Odisha	156.26	517.18	342.99
27	Puducherry	24.55	5.42	2.39
28	Punjab	170.94	198.89	24.16
29	Rajasthan	435.32	883.37	285.18
30	Sikkim	7.46	41.05	2.69
31	Tamil Nadu	893.74	479.59	335.49
32	Telangana	392.74	298.68	104.70
33	Tripura	24.00	83.72	3.38
34	Uttar Pradesh	557.49	1879.88	422.32
35	Uttarakhand	75.47	394.22	33.87
36	West Bengal	310.98	604.76	40.86

*Note:

1. Central Release for the F.Y. 2023-24 is updated up to 20.01.2024 and is provisional.
2. The above releases relate to Central Govt. Grants & do not include State share contribution.