

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 124
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND FEBRUARY, 2024**

“AVAILABILITY OF BEDS”

+124. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the number of hospital beds are considered to be an important indicator of quality of health services;
- (b) whether there is significant reduction in the availability of beds in hospitals in the country since the Corona epidemic in 2020;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of hospitals available for per thousand population at present in the country and the status of beds available in those hospitals?

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

(a) to (d) As per IPHS norms, Primary Health Centre with 6 indoor/ observation beds is to be established to cover 20,000 to 30,000 population, Community Health Centres with 30 beds to cover population of 80,000-1,20,000, Sub-District Hospitals with 31-100 beds to cover population of 1,00,000 – 5,00,000 and District Hospital with 101-500 beds to cover population upto 30,00,000.

As per data, published in the National Health Profiles (NHPs) - 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), the total number of beds in Government Hospitals in India are as under:

		Total number of beds
1.	NHP-2018	7,10,761
2.	NHP-2019	7,13,986
3.	NHP-2020	8,18,396
4.	NHP-2021	8,25,234
5.	NHP-2022	8,49,206

Health is a State subject. Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to people through various schemes such as National Health Mission (NHM), PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) and Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).

PM-ABHIM was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister in October 2021 with an outlay of Rs 64,180 Crore for the scheme period i.e. from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26. The PM-ABHIM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with some Central Sector Components. The measures under the scheme are aimed at strengthening health systems and institutions in order to provide a continuum of care at all levels, namely primary, secondary, and tertiary, as well as preparing health systems to respond effectively to current and future pandemics and disasters.

In addition, under CSS component of India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package - Phase-II (ECRP-II), Government of India provides support to the States/UTs for provision for establishing District Paediatric Units (including Oxygen Supported beds, ICU beds, HDU beds); to increase the availability of ICU beds in public health facilities and for augmenting beds at Sub Health Centres, Primary Health Centres & Community Health Centres in rural, peri-urban and tribal areas.
