

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February 2024

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN WEST BENGAL

61. DR SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been adopting a focused approach to improve the healthcare facilities in Aspirational Districts of West Bengal including South Dinajpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Health and Wellness Centres established in each Aspirational District including South Dinajpur during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has made any special provision for tribal dominated districts of West Bengal including South Dinajpur with respect to health services and infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government for healthcare facilities in South Dinajpur, West Bengal?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

- (a) to (e) The Aspirational Districts Programme was launched in January 2018 by the Government of India with the aim to bring rapid transformation in the relatively underdeveloped districts of India. NITI Aayog implements the Aspirational District Programme for improvement of socio-economic indicators in the selected 112 Aspirational Districts, across 26 States and 1 Union Territory.

Public Health & Hospital is a State subject and its implementation primarily lies with the State Government. However, the Central Government through the National Health Mission (NHM) provides technical and financial support through State/UT specific Annual Programme Implementation Plan, for improvement in the health services and health infrastructure, especially, for the underserved and marginalized groups in rural and tribal areas of the country including West Bengal.

The healthcare facilities in West Bengal including South Dinajpur are as follows:

- As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2022, there are 18 District Hospitals, 348 Community Health Centres, 1,371 Primary Health Centres, And 10,357 Sub Centres functional in West Bengal.
- 49 Medical Mobile Units (MMUs) are operational in West Bengal in 2023-24, as per NHM Management Information System data (MIS).
- Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), AIIMS Kalyani was set up and Rs. 1,377.07 Cr was released.
- Budget allocated for the State of West Bengal in the last 3 years, under NHM, 15th Finance Commission (15th-FC) & Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM ABHIM) is as below:

Budget Allocations approved under NHM, PM ABHIM, & 15 th FC (Rs. in Cr.)			
Year	NHM	PM ABHIM	15 th -FC
2021-22	3301.02	66.30	828.07
2022-23	4707.81	150.19	829.06
2023-24	4666.16	165.14	788.66
