

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3051
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2019**

MULTI-SPECIALITY HOSPITAL IN KERALA

3051. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any representations regarding setting up of a multi-speciality hospital at Erumely in Kottayam District near Sabarimala in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up the said hospital at the said location which is visited by more than four crore devotees every year for pilgrimage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): No representations regarding setting up of a multi-speciality hospital at Erumely in Kottayam District near Sabarimala in Kerala has been received. However, following 3 Government Medical Colleges in Kerala have already been approved for upgradation under different phases of PMSSY:

- (i) Govt. Medical College, Kozhikode
- (ii) T. D. Government Medical College, Alapuzzha
- (iii) Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology

Public Health being a State subject, govt of India does not directly approve proposals for strengthening of State Public Health facilities, however, under National Health Mission (NHM), Govt. of India provides financial and technical support to the State/UT Governments for strengthening their healthcare systems upto District Hospital level. Support is provided to the States/UTs based on the Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) submitted by them within their overall resource envelope. Under this scheme also, State Govt. of Kerala has not forwarded any proposal under NHM for setting-up of a multi-speciality hospital at Erumely in Kottayam district near Sabarimala. Further, 2 district hospitals in Kottayam District, one is 46 kms away from Erumely and the other one is District hospital Kanjirapally which is 20 kms.

(c) & (d): At present there is no proposal to set up an multi-speciality hospital at Erumely in Kottayam District near Sabarimala in Kerala.