

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4379  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**GERIATRIC HEALTHCARE**

**4379. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:**

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

- (a) whether geriatric healthcare is part of the primary healthcare services in Government hospitals in the country, especially in Rajasthan;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are any Government sponsored insurance schemes which cover geriatric care for the elderly without hospitalisation; and
- (d) the number of Government hospitals with geriatric care units in the country, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) with a view to provide geriatric health care facilities to the elderly population at various levels of state health care delivery system at primary, secondary and tertiary health care including outreach services.

Objective of the programme is to provide accessible, affordable, comprehensive and dedicated health care services to elderly population. The programme has been sanctioned for implementation in 713 districts of the country including 33 districts of State of Rajasthan.

Following health care services at district and sub district level are being provided under the programme:

- Geriatric OPD and 10 bed Geriatric Ward at District Hospitals.
- Bi-weekly Geriatric Clinic at Community Health Centres (CHCs)
- Weekly Geriatric Clinic at Primary Health Centre (PHCs).

(c): Elderly health care services are also covered in the expanded range of services under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres. Under the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, which provides for health cover of Rs.5.00 lakh per family, to the poor and vulnerable families as per socio-economic caste census data, there is no restriction on age or family size and all members of the entitled family, including elderly, are covered.

(d): The State/UT wise details of district hospitals sanctioned for 10 bedded geriatric care units under NPHCE, is at **Annexure-A**.

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**Annexure –A**

**State/UT wise list of District hospitals sanctioned under NPHCE for 10 bedded geriatric care units in the country (As on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019).**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of the States</b>	<b>No. of District Hospitals Sanctioned</b>
1	Haryana	22
2	Himachal Pradesh	12
3	Punjab	22
5	Uttar Pradesh	75
5	Uttaranchal	13
6	Bihar	38
7	Chhattisgarh	27
8	Jharkhand	24
9	Orissa	30
10	West Bengal	27
11	Goa	2
12	Gujarat	33
13	Madhya Pradesh	51
14	Maharashtra	36
15	Rajasthan	33
16	Andhra Pradesh	13
14	Karnataka	30
18	Kerala	14
19	Tamil Nadu	31
20	Telengana	30
21	Arunachal Pradesh	20
22	Assam	27
23	Manipur	16
24	Meghalaya	11
25	Mizoram	9
26	Nagaland	11
27	Sikkim	4
28	Tripura	8
29	Andaman & Nicobar Island	3
30	Chandigarh	0
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
31	Daman & Diu	2
32	Delhi	11
33	Jammu & Kashmir	20
34	Ladhakh	2
35	Lakshadweep	1
36	Pondicherry	4
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>713</b>