

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

SHORTAGE OF HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS

2181. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

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

- (a) the manner in which the Government proposes to address the shortage of hospitals and modern healthcare facilities including ICU, throughout the country and particularly in the rural/remote areas;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy and loans at low interest rate to encourage people to set up new hospitals, particularly in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Government proposes to address the shortage of hospitals and modern healthcare facilities including ICU, throughout the country and particularly in the rural/remote areas in the following manner :
 - (i) Health being a State subject, setting up of hospitals comes under the purview of the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals submitted by States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), Government of India provides technical and financial support to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare infrastructure and systems.
 - (ii) All the States/UTs are provided with necessary financial support under “India COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package.” During FY 2020-21 funds of Rs. 4256.81 cr have been released to States / UTs as on 10.9.2020. States may utilise these funds also for setting up of modern healthcare facilities including ICU. In addition, under the “Strengthening District Hospitals”, for assured and comprehensive secondary care services at district and sub district level by establishing multi specialty

care as per IPHS norms, assured critical care services (emergency, functional OTs, SNCU, NICU, PICU, Obstetric and general HDUs and ICUs etc are undertaken.

(iii) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) is being implemented for expanding/ augmenting tertiary healthcare capacity in the underserved areas of the country. Under the Scheme, 22 new AIIMS institutes are being established and in addition, 73 GMC Institutes where Super Specialty Hospitals/ Trauma Centres are being built are being equipped with modern equipment healthcare facilities, including ICU facilities in different regions of the country, more particularly in underserved region of the country.

(b) & (c): Yes. The Central Government has approved broad guidelines through Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) for private investment in setting up of hospitals in tier 2 and tier 3 cities. These guidelines provide for interventions like land allotment, time bound clearances and viability gap funding up to 40% of project cost.