

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2024  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**REVIEW OF IMPACT OF COVID-19**

**2024.SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the healthcare system and infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to make the private healthcare system more responsive to the emergency situations like the current pandemic; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): 'Public health and hospitals' being a State subject, the primary responsibility of impact assessment of COVID on healthcare system and infrastructure lies with respective State Government.

Government of India has not conducted any study/survey on impact of COVID-19 on healthcare system. However Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has continuously reviewed with States/UTs the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and availability of healthcare services and infrastructure. States/UTs have been provided with requisite technical, and financial assistance for strengthening of their healthcare system. Besides various advisories and guidance on continuation of essential health services, all the States/UTs have been provided with financial support under India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness package.

(d) & (e): Health is a State subject. The responsibility of engaging private hospitals in treating COVID cases is that of the respective State Government.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India issued advisory to all States/UTs to engage private hospitals through mutually agreeable arrangements. Rates under PM-JAY and CGHS packages have been advised. States have accordingly issued instructions to that affect.

As per information shared by the State Governments/UT Administrations a total of 1503 private hospitals are designated as Dedicated COVID Hospitals and 2,478 Private hospitals are providing services as Dedicated COVID Health Center. Also 1,159 private laboratories are conducting COVID-19 testing in the country.