

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 883  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**CONVERSION OF MEDICAL COLLEGES INTO COVID HOSPITALS**

**883. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) the details regarding the additional infrastructure facility provided by each State/UTs for the management of COVID-19;
- (b) the details of financial assistance given by the Union Government to each States/UTs for the management of COVID-19;
- (c) whether the Government gave direction for conversion of existing medical colleges into COVID-19 hospitals, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of medical colleges in each State/ UTs converted into Covid hospitals;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that the patients who require super specialty treatment are suffering due to conversion of the medical colleges, hospitals and super specialty hospitals into Covid hospitals, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the alternate arrangements made by each State/ UTs and the details regarding the rate of death of patients other than Covid patients in each State/UTs during the last one year?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): For appropriate management of suspect/confirmed COVID-19 cases, a three tier arrangement of health facilities has been implemented in consultation with the State Governments:

- COVID Care Center (CCC) that shall offer care for mild cases.
- Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) that shall offer care for all cases that have been clinically assigned as moderate.
- Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH) that shall offer comprehensive care primarily for those who have been clinically assigned as severe.

Tertiary care hospitals under ESIC, Defence, Railways, paramilitary forces, Steel Ministry etc. are also being leveraged for case management.

In addition, States have opted for public private partnership with many private hospitals to work as stand-alone COVID hospitals. DRDO has set up large field hospitals with capacities ranging from 1000 to 10,000 isolation beds.

(b): Under the 'India COVID19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness package' of Rs 15,000 crores has been approved by the Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19. As up to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Rs 11,361.67 Crores have been utilized for the same. Of this, Rs.6309.90 crore has been released to the States/UTs through National Health Mission (NHM). The details are given at **Annexure**.

(c): As per Guidance document on appropriate management of suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19 (available on: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FinalGuidanceonMangaementofCovidcasesversion2.pdf>), Dedicated COVID Hospitals that are required to have comprehensive care may either be a full hospital or a separate block in a hospital with preferably separate entry\exit (available at most hospitals attached to medical colleges) primarily for those COVID-19 cases who are clinically assigned as severe.

(d): 'Health' being a State subject, the States have designated various medical colleges as different types of COVID Dedicated Facilities. While in some cases, in view of suspension of regular classes, the hostels facilities have been utilized as COVID care centers for managing mild cases, others States have designated a specific block of attached hospitals as either Dedicated COVID Health Center or Dedicated COVID hospital. The States/UTs have accordingly utilized medical college infrastructure as per local requirements and trajectory of cases in different points in time. No centralized data is being maintained by Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in this regard.

(e) & (f): Provisioning of COVID-19 dedicated facilities ensured that while non-COVID cases will continue to get treatment in non-COVID facilities, the risk of healthcare associated COVID-19 infections, could be restricted to dedicated COVID facilities alone.

However, taking note of need to resume non-COVID specialty services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare issued multiple advisories and guidelines to ensure safe resumption of services in areas like ophthalmology, ENT, Dental, renal dialysis, etc.

In order to ensure delivery of non-COVID essential health services, MoHFW also issued a guidance note on enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during the COVID-19 Outbreak on 14th April, 2020 that called for alternate models for outreach services like outreach activities for immunization, antenatal care, screening for common NCDs/communicable diseases etc.

Additionally, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 27th May, 2020 issued a guidance note on Essential Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) Services during and post-COVID.

All guidelines made available at: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>

**Central Release of Grants in aid under the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package during the FY 2020-21 (As on 15th January 2021)**

S. No.	State/UT	Fund release (In. Rs. Crore)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	11.57
2	Andhra Pradesh	324.27
3	Arunachal Pradesh	19.13
4	Assam	180.04
5	Bihar	164.92
6	Chandigarh	17.14
7	Chhattisgarh	74.21
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2.46
9	Delhi	651.46
10	Goa	11.49
11	Gujarat	273.46
12	Haryana	157.35
13	Himachal Pradesh	47.9
14	Jammu & Kashmir	167.52
15	Jharkhand	57.53
16	Karnataka	303.69
17	Kerala	453.56
18	Ladakh	36.52
19	Lakshadweep	0.4
20	Madhya Pradesh	256.94
21	Maharashtra	592.82
22	Manipur	14.99
23	Meghalaya	12.46
24	Mizoram	8.11
25	Nagaland	8.21
26	Orissa	109.13
27	Puducherry	7.06
28	Punjab	143.46
29	Rajasthan	285.01
30	Sikkim	5.44
31	Tamil Nadu	773.24
32	Telangana	353.13
33	Tripura	17.58
34	Uttar Pradesh	474.78
35	Uttarakhand	61.46
36	West Bengal	231.46
	Grand Total	6,309.90

## Note:

1. For the FY 2020-21, the UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have been combined.
2. Release for the F.Y. 2020-21 is updated upto 21.01.2021 and is provisional.
3. The above releases are 100% Centrally funded.