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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY HEALTH RESPONSE

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved a new scheme 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II', if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of physical and financial progress made under the Phase -I of the package so far, State/ UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government will provide support for implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) in all the District Hospitals of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to strengthen emergency health response system in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARTI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): Although Health is a state subject, Government of India has provided the required technical support and has also supported the states through logistic and financial support to further strengthen the existing health infrastructure to tackle COVID-19 pandemic.

- 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' has been approved by the Cabinet with Rs 23,123 crores (with Rs. 15,000 Cr as Central Component & Rs 8,123 as State component) and is to be implemented from 1st July 2021 to 31st March 2022.
- It includes support to State/UT level for ramping up Health Infrastructure including those in rural, tribal and peri-urban areas closer to the community, providing support for procurement of drugs and diagnostics to enhance service delivery at district and sub district levels for management of COVID-19 cases (including pediatric care) and for maintaining a buffer of drugs, support for IT Interventions such as implementation of Hospital Management Information System in district hospitals across the country and expanding access to tele-consultations in all districts, and support for capacity building and training for all aspects of management of COVID-19.
- During the FY 2020-21, funds to the tune of Rs.8257.88 crore has been released to the States/UTs towards the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package. Details are given at **Annexure-I**.
- Apart from India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package Phase I & II, Union Government has also provided other financial support to States/UTs for ramping up Health Infrastructure and support all aspects of management of COVID-19.
- During the F.Y. 2019-20, funds to the tune of Rs.1113.21 crore was released to the States/UTs under NHM.
- In September 2020, the Union Government allowed the states to spend maximum 35% of annual allocation of funds under SDRF for the financial year 2019-20. The ceiling was further enhanced to 50% during the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22 for containment measures of COVID-19.

Some of the other ongoing initiatives to further strengthen healthcare infrastructure include:

- A three-tier arrangement of dedicated COVID-19 health facilities [(i) COVID Care Center (CCC); (ii) Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) and (iii) Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH)] has been implemented in the country to reduce the risk of cross infection to non-COVID patients as well as to maintain continuity of non-COVID essential health services in the country.
- Government of India has roped in tertiary care hospitals under other ministries to supplement the hospital facilities. Further, many large temporary treatment facilities were established by DRDO to manage surge in COVID-19 cases in the country. The isolation bed capacity and ICU bed capacity was also enhanced continuously.
- The daily liquid medical oxygen (LMO) supply was increased by enhancement of LMO production in steel plants as well as in other LMO plants. Further, restrictions were also imposed on industrial use of oxygen.
- Online digital solutions viz. Oxygen Demand Aggregation system (ODAS) and Oxygen Digital Tracking System (ODTS) have been developed to ascertain the demand for medical oxygen from all medical facilities and to track their transportation.

- To generate oxygen at the health facility level, PSA plants are being established in each district hospitals to reduce the burden on the medical oxygen supply grid across the country.
- Further, to fast-track the availability of Medical Oxygen in rural and peri-urban areas, more than 39,000 oxygen concentrators have been allocated to various States.
- A COVID Drugs Management Cell (CDMC) has been set up in the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) to oversee the management of smooth supply of drugs used in COVID-19 management.
- Action is initiated at the National level to augment production of critical drugs including import besides support in terms of equitable distribution of the critical supplies.
- All States/UT and State Drugs Controllers have been requested to verify stock of drugs and check other malpractices and take effective steps to curb hoarding and black marketing of some drugs like Remdesivir.
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare continues to provide technical guidance for managing various aspects of COVID-19. So far more than 150 guidelines/advisories/SoPs/plans have been provided to States/UTs.
- Further COVID-19 treatment protocols and advisories both for adults as well as pediatric age groups were issued and widely disseminated to promote rational use of drugs and oxygen.
- Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY provides free health cover up to Rs. 5 lakhs per year per family. Beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY can avail free treatment of COVID-19 as well as post-COVID related complications including Mucormycosis, etc. under the scheme.
- Under the National COVID Vaccination Program, Government of India is procuring vaccines and providing them free of cost to States and UTs. As on 25th July 2021, a total of about 44.91 crore doses have been supplied to States/UTs from all sources i.e Government of India's Covid vaccine supply free of cost to all States/UTs, State/UTs and Private Hospitals procured Covid vaccine.

Central Release of Grants in aid under the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package during the FY 2020-21

S. No.	Name of the State /UTs	Central Releases
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	14.80
2	Andhra Pradesh	422.67
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21.96
4	Assam	216.69
5	Bihar	193.94
6	Chandigarh	35.92
7	Chhattisgarh	109.21
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	4.67
9	Delhi	787.91
10	Goa	17.65
11	Gujarat	304.16
12	Haryana	187.71
13	Himachal Pradesh	54.48
14	Jammu & Kashmir	194.58
15	Jharkhand	70.84
16	Karnataka	409.63
17	Kerala	573.96
18	Ladakh	44.77
19	Lakshadweep	0.79
20	Madhya Pradesh	286.57
21	Maharashtra	1,185.12
22	Manipur	19.92
23	Meghalaya	14.82
24	Mizoram	8.86
25	Nagaland	10.27
26	Orissa	146.44
27	Puducherry	23.35
28	Punjab	165.28
29	Rajasthan	426.39
30	Sikkim	7.16
31	Tamil Nadu	868.09
32	Telangana	386.37
33	Tripura	23.21
34	Uttar Pradesh	541.56
35	Uttarakhand	72.25
36	West Bengal	295.28
	Total	8,147.28
	Health Insurance	110.6
	Grand Total	8,257.88