

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

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UNSTARRED Q. No 2012  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021**

**COVID HOSPITALS**

**2012 MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up COVID Hospitals in the state of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (b) whether Government has prepared any special strategy to fight COVID-19 pandemic in small villages of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests for these villages to send designated special teams to fight COVID-19; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Special Team thereon?

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

**(a) to (d)** 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.

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

- With the intent 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, 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.

- The isolation bed capacity and ICU bed capacity which was only 10,180 and 2,168 before the first lockdown (as on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020) in being enhanced continuously and is currently at 18,02,949 isolation beds and 1,24,514 ICU beds (as on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021). Further, district wise details of dedicated COVID facilities as reported by state government of West Bengal on COVID India Portal (data as on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021) is at **Annexure**.
- Government of India, to supplement the hospital facilities has roped in tertiary care hospitals under ESIC, Defence, Railways, paramilitary forces, Steel Ministry etc. Further, many large temporary treatment facilities were established by DRDO to manage surge in COVID-19 cases in the country.
- During the F.Y. 2019-20. funds to the tune of Rs.1113.21 crore was released to the States/UTs under NHM towards management and containment of COVID-19 pandemic. Of this Rs. 44.53 Crore was released to Government of West Bengal in 2019-20.
- In September 2020, the Union Government further allowed use of SDRF by the States for oxygen generation and storage plants in hospitals; strengthening ambulance services for transport of patients; and setting up containment zones, COVID-19 care centres. States were allowed 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.
- 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, of this Rs. 295.28 Crore was released to Government of West Bengal in 2020-21.
- In addition, 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' has also been approved by the Cabinet with Rs 23,123 crores (with Rs. 15,000 Cr as Central Component & Rs 8,123 Cr as State component) and is to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 and expanding access to tele-consultations in all districts, and support for capacity building and training for all aspects of management of COVID-19.

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. Taking note of ingress of COVID-19 pandemic in peri-urban and rural areas, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 issued an SOP on COVID-19 Containment & Management in Peri-urban, Rural & Tribal areas.

Multi-disciplinary Central teams have been deployed to the state of West Bengal in the months of May 2020, June 2020 and February 2021 to assist state health department in COVID-19

control and containment measures. The observations and recommendations of the teams were shared with the state health authorities. The primary recommendations highlighted the need for further enhanced focus on ongoing management approach of test-track-treat-vaccinate and COVID appropriate behavior with need for effective containment measures as well as improving the pace of COVID vaccination.

## Annexure

**District wise details of dedicated COVID facilities as reported by state government of West Bengal on COVID India Portal (data as on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Dedicated COVID Hospital</b>	<b>Dedicated COVID Health Center</b>	<b>Dedicated COVID Care Center</b>
<b>1</b>	24 Paraganas North	34	4	21
<b>2</b>	24 Paraganas South	11	8	148
<b>3</b>	Alipurduar	4	4	161
<b>4</b>	Bankura	7	5	41
<b>5</b>	Birbhum	8	4	13
<b>6</b>	Coochbehar	9	1	47
<b>7</b>	Darjeeling	10	4	6
<b>8</b>	Dinajpur Dakshin	4	1	20
<b>9</b>	Dinajpur Uttar	4	1	38
<b>10</b>	Hooghly	12	4	12
<b>11</b>	Howrah	13	3	29
<b>12</b>	Jalpaiguri	5	3	37
<b>13</b>	Jhargram	5	1	8
<b>14</b>	Kalimpong	2	0	36
<b>15</b>	Kolkata	49	4	35
<b>16</b>	Maldah	3	2	43
<b>17</b>	Medinipur East	9	3	13
<b>18</b>	Medinipur West	9	4	19
<b>19</b>	Murshidabad	7	5	40
<b>20</b>	Nadia	12	1	23
<b>21</b>	Paschim Bardhaman	10	23	130
<b>22</b>	Purba Bardhaman	5	1	66
<b>23</b>	Purulia	5	2	26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1012</b>