

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 815
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

STRENGTHENING OF PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

815. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to strengthen primary healthcare system by maximising the efficiency and effectiveness of Primary Healthcare Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has earmarked any fund for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): “Public Health & Hospitals” being a State subject, the primary responsibility for ensuring healthcare services including strengthening of Primary Healthcare system lies with respective State Governments.

To address the healthcare challenges, particularly in rural areas, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched in 2005 to supplement the efforts of the State/UT governments to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to all those who access public health facilities. Currently, NRHM is a sub-mission of National Health Mission (NHM).

As per the budget announcement 2017-18, 1.5 lakh Health Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres are to be transformed into Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) by December, 2022. The roll out plan of Ayushman Bharat - HWCs is given as below:

- FY 2018-19 = 15,000
- FY 2019-20 = 25,000 (Cumulative 40,000)
- FY 2020-21 = 30,000 (Cumulative 70,000)
- FY 2021-2022 = 40,000 (Cumulative 1,10,000)
- Till 31st December 2022 = 40,000 (Cumulative 1,50,000)

Under Ayushman Bharat (AB-HWCs) provision of comprehensive primary care includes preventive healthcare and health promotion at the community level with continuum of care approach for all. Services at AB-HWCs are free and universal to all individuals residing in the service area including mental health services.

Besides expanding and strengthening the existing Reproductive and Child Health (RMNCHA+N) services and Communicable Diseases services, the functional AB-HWCs provide services related to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) (screening and management for NCDs such as Hypertension, Diabetes and 3 common cancers of Oral, Breast and Cervix) and **incrementally** adding other primary healthcare services for mental health, ENT, Ophthalmology, oral health, geriatric and palliative health care and trauma care etc.

So far, approvals for above 1,50,115 Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) have been accorded. Out of those, as reported by the States/UTs on the HWC Portal, 77,406 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 20th July, 2021 (State wise functional Health and Wellness Centres as on 20th July 2021 is given at Annexure).

Central assistance released to the States/UTs under National Health Mission (NHM) since its inception during 2013-14 to 2020-21 is as follows:

- i. FY 2013-14: Rs.17,407.39 crore
- ii. FY 2014-15: Rs.18,288.50 crore
- iii. FY 2015-16: Rs.18,065.50 crore
- iv. FY 2016-17: Rs.18,424.43 crore
- v. FY 2017-18: Rs.25,465.28 crore
- vi. FY 2018-19: Rs.24,998.81 crore
- vii. FY 2019-20: Rs.28,939.64 crore
- viii. FY 2020-21: Rs.29,455.72 crore

Annexure on Functional Health and Wellness Centres as on 20th July 2021

SN	STATE	Functional HWCs as on 20 th July 2021			
		SHC-HWC*	PHC-HWC**	UPHC-HWC***	TOTAL
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	58	17	5	80
2	Andhra Pradesh	2,904	1,145	243	4,292
3	Arunachal Pradesh	136	63	4	203
4	Assam	1,539	617	53	2,209
5	Bihar	1,057	1,019	98	2,174
6	Chandigarh	0	28		28
7	Chhattisgarh	2,457	634	45	3,136
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	52	8		60
	Daman & Diu	26	4		30
9	Goa	53	54	5	112
10	Gujarat	4,468	1,469	316	6,253
11	Haryana	430	360	100	890
12	Himachal Pradesh	554	497	14	1,065
13	Jammu & Kashmir	915	378	16	1,309
14	Jharkhand	1,378	177	54	1,609
15	Karnataka	3,298	2,166	365	5,829
16	Kerala	1,520	859	93	2,472
17	Ladakh	69	20		89
18	Lakshadweep	0	3		3
19	Madhya Pradesh	5,098	1,124	145	6,367
20	Maharashtra	6,376	1,824	457	8,657
21	Manipur	154	55	2	211
22	Meghalaya	182	78	19	279
23	Mizoram	120	53	8	181
24	Nagaland	168	48	7	223
25	Odisha	316	1,229	90	1,635
26	Puducherry	80	39	2	121
27	Punjab	2,270	328	93	2,691
28	Rajasthan	160	1,957	280	2,397
29	Sikkim	74	16	1	91
30	Tamil Nadu	3,027	1,381	460	4,868
31	Telangana	1,875	634	223	2,732
32	Tripura	241	33	5	279
33	Uttar Pradesh	6,644	1,656	435	8,735
34	Uttarakhand	536	359	38	933
35	West Bengal	4,041	783	339	5,163
Total		52,276	21,115	4,015	77,406
<i>Delhi do not implement HWC Programme</i>					
<i>*- Sub Health Centre Health and Wellness Centre</i>					
<i>** - Primary Health Centre Health and Wellness Centre</i>					
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