

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1081
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03rd DECEMBER, 2021**

LACK OF MEDICAL AND TESTING FACILITIES IN UTTAR PRADESH

1081. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

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

- a) whether it is a fact that several villages in Uttar Pradesh are lacking even in basic testing facilities and medical care;
- b) if so, the measures being taken to boost health facilities in rural areas of the country so that in addition to health, the economic condition of the country also improves; and
- c) the number of doctors (department-wise) that are working in all the District Hospitals and CHCs in Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
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(a) and (b)

“Public Health and Hospitals” is a State subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including for provision of testing facilities and medical care, lies with the respective State Governments including Uttar Pradesh. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare delivery at public healthcare facilities.

Support is provided to states/UTs under the National Health Mission for strengthening of accessible, affordable health care facilities through boosting of health facilities in rural areas as per norms and upgradation of existing facilities to bridge the infrastructure gaps based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

NHM assistance is provided to strengthen the free provision of various services for maternal health, child health, family planning, the universal immunisation program, and major diseases such as tuberculosis, vector-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, and kala-azar, HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and so on. Other major initiatives for which states are supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), strengthening primary healthcare and District Hospitals etc.

As part of Ayushman Bharat, the States are supported for establishment of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres across the country for provision of comprehensive primary care that includes preventive healthcare and health promotion at the community level with continuum of care approach. 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. Out of those, as reported by the States/UTs on the HWC Portal, 80466 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 28th November, 2021.

Other initiatives such as Mobile Medical Units (MMUs), PM National Dialysis Programme and Tele-consultation services are also implemented to improve access to healthcare particularly in rural areas.

Under Free Diagnostic Services, support is provided to States / UTs for provision of medical equipment to enable access and use of high-quality diagnostic services (134 tests at DHs, 111 tests at the SDHs, 97 at CHCs, 63 tests at PHC level AB-HWCs and 14 tests at SHC level AB-HWCs), including Hub and Spoke Model and Public Private Partnerships.

Similarly, under Free Drugs Service Initiative, provision is made to provide free essential medicines (544 medicines at DHs, 455 medicines at CHCs, 172 medicines at PHC and 105 medicines at SHC) in public health facilities based on the requirements posted by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. This support also includes for strengthening/setting up of robust systems of procurement, quality assurance mechanism, warehousing, and IT backed supply chain management systems like Drugs and Vaccines Distribution Management Systems (DVDMS).

Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), provides health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families in the country as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC).

These interventions reduce the out of pocket expenditure (OOPE) of the citizens and improve the general wellbeing leading to increase in productivity and improved economic conditions. The OOPE has reduced from 64.2 percent in 2013-14 to 48.8 percent in 2017-18, of total health expenditure as per National Health Account of 2017-18.

(c)

Rural Health Statistics (RHS) is an annual publication, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. RHS provides information on rural health infrastructure and requirements of public health facilities in rural/tribal areas as reported by States. As per the RHS 2019-20, the number of doctors (department-wise) that are working in all the District Hospitals/Sub Divisional/ Sub Divisional Hospital and CHCs in Uttar Pradesh is at **Annexure-I and II** respectively.

Annexure-I

NUMBER OF DOCTORS AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND SUB DISTRICT/ SUB DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL IN UTTAR PRADESH			
(As on 31st March, 2020)			
S. No.	State/UT	DISTRICT HOSPITAL	
		Sanctioned	In Position
1	DOCTORS AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND SUB DISTRICT/ SUB DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL	3486	2849

Annexure-II

Doctors in Community Health Centres in Rural Areas in Uttar Pradesh						
(As on 31st March 2020)						
S. No.	Human Resource	Required¹	Sanctioned	In Position	Vacant	Shortfall
		[R]	[S]	[P]	[S-P]	[R-P]
1	AYUSH specialists at CHCs in Rural Areas	711	374	202	172	509
2	General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs)- AYUSH at CHC in Rural Areas	711	580	510	70	-
3.	General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs)- Allopathic at CHC in Rural Areas	1422	1793	1793	0	-
4	SURGEONS at CHCs in Rural Areas	711	527	166	361	545
5	OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS at CHCs in Rural Areas	711	513	161	352	550
6	PHYSICIANS at CHCs in Rural Areas	711	639	309	330	402
7	PAEDIATRICIANS at CHCs in Rural Areas	711	492	180	312	531

Note:¹ One per Community Health Centre as per IPHS norms