

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2185
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th DECEMBER, 2021**

MEDICAL FACILITIES IN BIHAR

2185. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- a) whether necessary steps have been taken by his Ministry to improve medical facilities in Bihar to combat any likely wave of COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof including in Kishanganj and Purnia districts;
- b) whether the Ministry plans to set up/allocate more PSY oxygen plants in Bihar; and
- c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): “Public Health and Hospitals” is a State subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare facilities in the country including Bihar lies with respective State Governments. Government of India is supporting states including Bihar in their endeavour to manage COVID-19 since the beginning of pandemic. Requisite support is provided to States/UTs including Bihar to enhance preparedness and response capacities against COVID-19 and other public health emergencies. Various initiatives have been undertaken by the Government to provide technical guidance and further strengthen health infrastructure, availability of essential logistics including drugs and medical oxygen supply to manage COVID-19. Some of the major areas of intervention include:

- During the financial year 2020-21, Rs. 193.94 Crs. have been released to the state of Bihar towards the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package (ECRP-I) for health infrastructure strengthening, expansion of laboratory network, surveillance and contact tracing, procurement of PPEs, N-95 masks, ventilators etc.

- Under COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package - II (ECRP-II), Rs. 1368.70 Crores has been approved for the state of Bihar. This includes support to State for ramping up health infrastructure, providing support for procurement of drugs and diagnostics and for maintaining a buffer of drugs, support for IT Interventions such as implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) and expanding access to tele-consultations in all districts and support for capacity building and training for all aspects of management of COVID-19.
- For State of Bihar under PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) an amount of Rs. 5945.68 crores in addition to Central Sector components till 2025-26 has been provisioned for state of Bihar to increase investments in public health and other health reforms and to safeguard against future resurgences of COVID-19, if any, and future public health emergencies.
- COVID-19 vaccine is made available free of cost for all citizens of the country aged 18 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status, at all Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) including Bihar.
- Since September, 2020, the Union Government has allowed use of State Disaster Response Funds (SDRF) for various COVID-19 related activities.
- Under PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 6 Government Medical College namely Government Medical College Darbhanga, Srikrishna Medical College (SKMC), Muzaffarpur, Government Medical College Gaya, Government Medical College Bhagalpur, Patna Medical College & Hospital, and Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences Patna have been sanctioned for Upgradation along with sanction of AIIMS Patna and Darbhanga in state of Bihar.
- Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'. Details are in Annexure-I:

(b) and (c): States are also supported with installation of PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption plants) plants for oxygen generation at the healthcare facilities. Government of India is supporting establishment of 79 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants in the State of Bihar, out of which 73 are already commissioned.

Details of medical colleges approved under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' in Bihar

Under Phase-I

Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Districts	Total Approved Cost	Central Share	Total amount released
1	Purnia	189	113.40	113.40
2	Saran (Chhapra)	189	113.40	113.40
3	Samastipur	189	113.40	113.40

Under Phase-II

Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Location for medical college	Total Approved Cost	Central Share	Total amount released
1	Sitamarhi	250	150	150
2	Jhanjharpur	250	150	150
3	Siwan	250	150	150
4	Buxar	250	150	150
5	Jamui	250	150	150