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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3868
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2022**

ICU PROVIDED TO STATES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

3868. SHRI B.N.BACHE GOWDA:

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

- (a) the number of fully functional Intensive Care Units (ICU) provided to States/UTs during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) whether the Government has taken into cognizance the lack of skilled technicians to operate the above ICU machines during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to make up for such shortages in the future;
- (d) whether the management of COVID-19 was assigned to research based institute, Indian Council of Medical Sciences and Research (ICMR) instead of public health department, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to initiate any research programmes towards prevention of communicable disease, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

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(a) Public Health and hospital is a State Subject. Under COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package-II (ECRP-II), support is provided to States/UTs to increase the availability of ICU beds in public health facilities including 20% paediatric ICU beds and for augmenting oxygen beds at Sub Health Centres, Primary Health Centres & Community Health Centres in rural, peri-urban and tribal areas. Besides, there is provision for establishing Paediatric Units (including Oxygen Supported beds and ICU/HDU beds) in all the Districts of the country.

Under ECRP-II, a total of 30,251 ICU beds (including adult and paediatric beds) have been approved to States/UTs. Details are at Annexure.

(b & c) The equipment required in an ICU set up for COVID-19, are usually the same used in regular ICU. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has given intensive online training to doctors/paramedics for installation, operation and maintenance of ventilators supplied by Government of India.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides financial and technical supports to the States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare facilities upto District level, including research, training/skill development of medical staff as per requirement posed by the respective States/UTs under the Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Under ECRP-II also, there is also provision for Centre of Excellence for paediatrics function as hub and support all spokes below, for capacity building via tele-consultation.

(d) Efforts for COVID-19 treatment and management was coordinated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Indian Council of Medical Sciences and Research (ICMR) through the National Task Force on COVID-19 along with the Joint Monitoring Group of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) was involved in evaluating the emerging evidence for medicines that were effective in COVID-19 management.

(e) Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regularly work in the field of research towards prevention of communicable diseases. Besides, Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) has also been set up for early detection of emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases. These VRDLs also serve as a platform to augment COVID-19 diagnostic capacity in the country.

Statement of ICU beds approved to be established in the States/UTs.

| SI No. | State/UT | Adult ICU beds in public healthcare facilities | Establishment of Paediatric ICU beds under District Paediatric Care Unit | Paediatric ICU beds in public healthcare facilities |
|--------|--|--|--|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 896 | 104 | 224 |
| 2 | Andman & Nicobar Islands | 17 | 8 | |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 82 | 30 | 18 |
| 4 | Assam | 620 | 136 | |
| 5 | Bihar | 456 | 152 | 114 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 12 | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 670 | 136 | 167 |
| 8 | Delhi | 0 | | 0 |
| 9 | Goa | 24 | 6 | |
| 10 | Gujarat | 720 | 84 | 180 |
| 11 | Haryana | 200 | 80 | 50 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 140 | 60 | 35 |
| 13 | Jammu & Kashmir | 228 | 80 | 57 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 0 | 156 | 480 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 3192 | 190 | 798 |
| 16 | Kerala | 226 | 36 | 4 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 28 | 4 | 7 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep | 31 | | |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 1592 | 708 | 398 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 2448 | 244 | 612 |
| 21 | Manipur | 94 | 14 | 23 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 0 | 42 | |
| 23 | Mizoram | 0 | 24 | |
| 24 | Nagaland | 20 | 54 | 5 |
| 25 | Odisha | 592 | 112 | 148 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 6 | 4 | |
| 27 | Punjab | 142 | 108 | |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 607 | 1313 | |
| 29 | Sikkim | 10 | 8 | |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 1266 | 322 | 317 |
| 31 | Telangana | 732 | 132 | 217 |
| 32 | The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu | | 4 | |
| 33 | Tripura | 90 | 28 | |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 3206 | 492 | 801 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 370 | 72 | 102 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 1728 | 100 | |