

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO.664  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04<sup>th</sup>FEBRUARY, 2022**

**“FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE”**

**664. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to strengthen the public health infrastructure under National Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons there for; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the public health infrastructure in the country?

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

- (a) to (d): “Public Health and Hospitals” is a State subject and the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including the efforts to strengthen rural healthcare infrastructure, lies with the respective State Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare delivery at public healthcare facilities. NHM support is provided to States/UTs for setting up of new facilities as per norms and up-gradation of existing facilities for bridging the infrastructure gaps, including in rural areas, based on the requirement posed by them.

Government has continued to allocate more funds to strengthen the National Health Mission (NHM). Allocation under NHM has increased from Rs.27,989 crore in 2020-21 to Rs.31,100 crore in 2021-22 Budget Estimate.

The 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package-I' (ECRP-I) of Rs.15,000 Crores has been approved by the Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19. Further, the Cabinet has also approved the scheme, "India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package-II" (ECRP-II) on 08<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for an amount of Rs.23,123 Crores. The scheme aims to accelerate health system preparedness for immediate responsiveness for early prevention, detection and management of COVID-19, with the focus on health infrastructure development.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for an amount of Rs.64,180 crore. The measures under the PM-ABHIM focus on developing capacities of health systems and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels, primary, secondary and tertiary, to prepare health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics/disasters.