

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 197
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH JULY, 2022**

DISTRICT HOSPITALS ON PPP MODE

***197. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:**

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

- (a) whether NITI Aayog recently recommended for running district hospitals on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said proposal is likely to adversely affect the poor people in getting healthcare facilities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government is contemplating to provide best medical care to the poor without expanding infrastructural facilities and addressing shortage of medical professionals and medicines in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d) As per the information received from NITI Aayog, no such recommendation has been made for running district hospitals on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has taken following initiatives to provide good quality medical care to the poor:

- Under **Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC)**, the existing Sub-health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are being transformed into AB-HWCs to deliver twelve packages of Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which is universal, free and close to the community. As reported by the States/UTs on the AB-HWC Portal, as on 30th June, 2022, total 1,20,112 AB-HWCs have been operationalized against the target of 1,50,000 AB-HWCs by December, 2022.
- **PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crores till 2025-26 to provide better access to health in rural areas by i) Strengthening of Health and Wellness Centres in villages and cities ii) Addition of new critical care-related beds at district level hospitals; iii) Support for Block Public Health Units (BPHU) in 11 high focus States; and iv) Integrated district public health laboratories in all districts.
- An amount of Rs 70,051 crores has been allocated for the period 2020-21 to 2025-26 to address the gaps in Primary Healthcare infrastructure as per the recommendations of **15th Finance Commission (FC-XV)** w.r.t Health Grants through Local Governments.
- The **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** aims at providing affordable tertiary healthcare services and quality medical education in the country through two components, namely, (i) Setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); and (ii) Upgradation of existing Government Medical Colleges/ Institutions (GMCIs). So far setting up of 22 new AIIMS and 75 projects of upgradation of GMCIs have been approved under the Scheme in various phases.

- Under the scheme ‘**Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals**’, establishment of 157 medical colleges has been approved in three phases and 72 are already functional.
- Under **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**, health coverage of up to Rs 5.00 lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families in the country as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC).
- ‘E-Sanjeevani’ platform provides telemedicine services for the communities, especially in the rural areas, through a hub and spoke model.
- Under **Free Drugs Service Initiative**, essential drugs at different levels of public health facilities are provided free to all citizens of India.
- Similarly, under **Free Diagnostics Services Initiative**, support is provided to States / UTs for provision of medical equipment to enables access and use of high-quality diagnostic services
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** about 8,700 dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened to provide generic medicines at affordable prices
- Under **National TB Elimination Programme-NTEP** (Revised RNTCP), free treatment services are available for TB at all public health facilities.
- Free provision of services for maternal health, child health, family planning and the universal immunization program has been strengthened through initiatives such as Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) and Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA).
- **National Ambulance Services (NAS)** is designed to provide transport to patients of critical care, trauma and accident victims and basic patient transport aimed to cater the needs of pregnant women and children and others.

- **Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program** was rolled out in 2016 wherein quality dialysis services are provided 'Free' to BPL patients and at nominal costs to others.
- The number of UG seats have been increased from 51,348 before 2014 to 91,927 seats as of date which is an increase of 79%. The number of PG seats have been increased by 93% from 31,185 seats before 2014 to 60,202 seats.
- DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- Hard area allowance is paid to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters.
