

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

“UTILISATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPED FOR COVID-19”

† 2192. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether considering the fact that COVID-19 is getting endemic, the Government proposes to utilize the infrastructure developed during COVID-19 by earmarking it to the existing health infrastructure so that the resources can be absorbed and effectively utilised for the overall improvement of the secondary health care of the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof ; and
- (c) if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): A number of initiatives have been taken by Union Ministry of Health & FW as well as State Governments to enhance hospital capacities and related infrastructure for COVID-19 response. This includes enhancement of isolation bed capacities, ICU/HDU capacities besides provisioning of essential equipment and consumables like ventilators, Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants, Medical Gas Pipeline Systems (MGPS), drugs etc.

The health infrastructure upgradation taken up during COVID-19 management has strengthened the healthcare facilities including primary, secondary and tertiary level across the country for management of infectious diseases. The enhanced infrastructure can be utilized for management of COVID-19 and other illnesses as per need.
