

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3300
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th AUGUST, 2022**

FREE DIAGNOSTICS SERVICE INITIATIVE

3300. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

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

- (a) the current status of implementation of Free Diagnostics Service Initiative?
- (b) the details of the different models adopted to provide free diagnostics under the scheme for both laboratory and radiology services, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries covered and the funds spent under the scheme, State/UT-wise?

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India supports 'Free Diagnostics Service Initiative' (FDSI) programme under National Health Mission. The programme was launched in July 2015 with the aim to provide accessible and affordable pathological and radiological diagnostics services closer to the community which in turn reduces the Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE). A minimum set of essential diagnostic tests has been recommended as per the Essential Diagnostic List at each level of public health facility.

A guidance document for implementing laboratory services has been shared with all states and UTs. The guidelines also recommend expanded range of diagnostics at all levels of public health facilities (14 tests at Sub Centres (SCs), 63 tests at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), 97 tests at Community Health Centres (CHCs), 111 tests at Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs) and 134 tests at District Hospitals (DHs).

Under NHM, 'Free Diagnostic Service initiative' is delivered through in-house, Public Private Partnership (PPP) and Hybrid mode by the States/UTs in the country.

Free Laboratory service is operational in 33 States, out of which 11 States/UTs (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Odisha, Tripura, and Uttarakhand) are providing the services through PPP/hybrid mode and 22 States/UTs (Andhra Pradesh, A&N Island, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, D&N Haveli-Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Puducherry, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal) provide the services through In-house mode.

Free Tele-Radiology (Tele-reporting of X-rays) service is operational in 13 states/UTs (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, Tripura).

Free CT Scan service is operational in 27 States/UTs out of which 17 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal) are providing it in PPP mode and 10 states (A&N island, Bihar, D&N Haveli-Daman & Diu, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana) provide through In-house mode.

The funds spent under the scheme, State/UT wise is at Annexure.

Annexure**State/UT wise Utilisation under Free Diagnostic Services under NHM for the FY
2021-22****(Rs. In Lakhs)**

S. No.	State/UTs	Utilisation
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	*
2	Andhra Pradesh	3445.06
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5.11
4	Assam	8541.22
5	Bihar	575.52
6	Chandigarh	*
7	Chattisgarh	926.29
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1.16
9	Delhi	261.13
10	Goa	11.26
11	Gujarat	1843.44
12	Haryana	505.81
13	Himachal Pradesh	3033.16
14	Jammu & Kashmir	748.64
15	Jharkhand	882.03
16	Karnataka	11163.37
17	Kerala	2233.54
18	Ladakh	11.73
19	Lakshadweep	22.91
20	Madhya Pradesh	8331.68
21	Maharashtra	16104.47
22	Manipur	927.75
23	Meghalaya	1130.05
24	Mizoram	7.72
25	Nagaland	196.77
26	Orissa	5407.22
27	Puducherry	20.32
28	Punjab	7450.53
29	Rajasthan	9174.48
30	Sikkim	54.30
31	Tamil Nadu	14447.06
32	Telangana	4394.57
33	Tripura	1602.69
34	Uttar Pradesh	5648.80
35	Uttarakhand	1000.35
36	West Bengal	8587.49

* UTs have not reported utilisation of funds under this head/utilised their own funds

Note:

1. The above figures are as per available FMRs reported by States/UTs. It is updated upto 31.03.2022.
2. Expenditure includes central release, state release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year.
3. The above data comprises of IEC/BCC- Free Diagnostic Service Initiative (Pathology & Radiology), National Free Diagnostic services, Free Diagnostic services under RMNCH+A (Free Diagnostics for Pregnant women under JSSK) and Free Diagnostic services under RMNCH+A (Free Diagnostics for Sick infants under JSSK).