

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 964
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2022**

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRES IN MAHARASHTRA

964. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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

- (a) the present status of Health and Wellness Centres including the number of Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) approved and actually functioning in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether there is a huge gap between the number of HWCs approved initially and the number of functional HWCs in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for delay in making the HWCs functional and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to make all approved HWCs functional in the State?

ANSWER

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

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a): As per the budget announcement 2017-18, 1.5 lakh Sub-Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) were to be transformed into Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) by December, 2022. Out of this a target of 10,356 AB-HWCs has been fixed to the State of Maharashtra by GoI for operationalization by December 2022. A total of 11,701 facilities have been approved by GoI till FY 2021-22 for operationalization till December 2022 as per State's proposal. As per the AB-HWC Portal, 10,514 facilities are functional as AB-HWCs in Maharashtra as on 30th June 2022.

(b) & (c): State has completed allotted target of 10,356 AB-HWCs.

(d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received from them in their Annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), within their resource envelope.

The States/UTs are supported for various components under AB-HWCs namely engagement of Community Health Officer (CHO) and capacity building of primary health care team, performance based incentives for the team at AB-HWC, infrastructure strengthening, availability of medicines and diagnostics, provision of expanded range of services etc.
