

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1951
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024**

SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN PUNJAB

1951. SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the acute shortage of healthcare facilities and infrastructure in Punjab as reported in recent studies and media reports, if so the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to collaborate with the State Government to address the gaps in healthcare infrastructure particularly in rural and semi-urban areas; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to launch schemes or allocate additional funds to upgrade healthcare facilities in Punjab, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): The details of healthcare facilities and infrastructure in India are available at website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the Uniform Resources Locator (URL) as under:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

Under the National Health Mission, funds are allocated to States based on the State Programme Implementation Plans (SPIPs) submitted by the States duly appraised by National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC). The details are available in public domain at:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=57&lid=70>

In addition to the National Health Mission, Government of India has allocated the following funds for developing public healthcare infrastructure and services to Punjab:

- **PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** envisages increased investments in public health and other health reforms to provide better access to health in rural areas. Administrative approvals have been accorded to the State of Punjab, for four years (i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25) for an amount of Rs 534.81 Cr. for

establishment and strengthening of 14 Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHLs) and 17 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs), as per proposal of the State.

- Under **Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV)**, for the State of Punjab, an approval of Rs.2129.37 Cr. has been given over the five year period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 for establishment and strengthening of 1292 Building-less Sub Health Centres/ Primary Health Centres/ Community Health Centres (1222 SHCs, 54 PHCs and 16 CHCs) and 120 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) as per proposal of the State.
- The **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country. Under the Scheme approvals has been accorded for Establishment of One new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bhatinda and upgradation of two Government Medical Colleges/ Institutions (GMCI) at Amritsar and Patiala for the State of Punjab.
- Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals', with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college. 03 Medical Colleges were approved in the State of Punjab at Districts SAS Nagar, Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur.
