

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024**

PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES

2060. SMT. BHARTI PARDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that most of the public health facilities including district hospitals/primary health centers are not upto the stipulated mark/norms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any self evaluation recently in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the challenges brought into notice as a result thereof, State-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh;
- (e) whether there is an urgent need to make health services better on national level for uniformity in providing better health services across the country; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard particularly in rural/remote areas along with the success achieved so far in this regard, area-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): To improve health infrastructure and services in public health facilities, the government has laid down Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) 2022. The IPHS are essential benchmarks that ensure the delivery of minimum essential services through public healthcare facilities, including District Hospitals, Sub-District Hospitals, Community Health Centers, Ayushman Arogya Mandir Primary Health Centers (AAM-PHCs), and Ayushman Arogya Mandir- Sub Centres (AAM SCs).

To facilitate the assessment of public health facilities, MoHFW has developed an Open Data Kit (ODK), an Android-based application. This application allows States and UTs to conduct a baseline assessment of their healthcare facilities, identify gaps, and implement timely corrective measures by achieving compliance to provide all essential services and work towards desirable standards.

National Health Mission (NHM) envisages universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs by supporting the States/UTs in providing financial and technical support for accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections in urban, rural, and tribal/hilly areas.

State/UT-wise details of facilities assessed and scored as per IPHS 2022 Assessment report as on 27.11.2024 is at **Annexure-I**.

In February 2018, the Government of India announced establishment of 1,50,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) erstwhile Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), across the country by December 2022. As updated by the States/UTs in AAM portal, a total of 1,74,966 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been established and operationalized till 31.10.2024, by transforming existing Sub-Health Centres (SHC) and Primary Health Centres (PHC) in rural and urban areas to deliver the expanded range of comprehensive primary healthcare services with complete 12 package of services that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community. State/UT-wise No. of AAMs operationalized as on 31.10.2024 is attached at **Annexure-II**.

The teleconsultation services, available at operational AAMs, enables people to access the specialist services closer to their homes addressing concerns of physical accessibility, saving cost to care, shortage of service providers and to ensure continuum of care. Total teleconsultation conducted at Ayushman Arogya Mandir including Ayushman Melas are 29.66 cr as on 31.10.2024.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for an amount of Rs.64,180 crore. The measures under the PM-ABHIM focus on developing capacities of health systems and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels, primary, secondary and tertiary, to prepare health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics /disasters.

This Ministry supports 'Free Diagnostics Service Initiative' programme under NHM 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). Diagnostics services are provided free of cost at all levels of public health facilities (14 tests at Sub Centers, 63 at Primary Health Centers, 97 at Community Health Centres, 111 test at Sub District Hospitals and 134 tests at District Hospitals).

To ensure availability of essential drugs and reduce the OOPE of the patients visiting the public health facilities, Government has rolled out the Free Drugs Service Initiative under NHM. This includes financial support to States/UTs for 106 drugs at SHC level, 172 at PHC level, 300 at CHC level, 318 at SDH level and 381 drugs at district Hospitals.

Annexure-I

Details of facilities assessed and scored as per IPHS 2022 Assessment report (27.11.2024)

State/UTs	Number of Facilities (as per HDI 2022-23)	No. of facilities assessed	No. of facilities which scored more than 50%
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	157	140	63
Andhra Pradesh	13045	11788	11603
Arunachal Pradesh	611	599	234
Assam	5979	5731	2753
Bihar	12869	11389	1968
Chandigarh	55	52	31
Chhattisgarh	6543	4941	3220
Daman and Diu & Dadar and Nagar Haveli	118	117	86
Goa	258	275	147
Gujarat	11431	10295	7738
Haryana	3362	2586	1213
Himachal Pradesh	2888	2235	424
Jammu & Kashmir	3533	3026	1362
Jharkhand	4477	3946	1000
Karnataka	12177	10958	5858
Kerala	6721	6029	3789
Ladakh	330	276	221
Madhya Pradesh	12575	10641	5275
Maharashtra	14150	13398	7411
Manipur	537	496	202
Meghalaya	651	501	321
Mizoram	458	464	254
Nagaland	636	569	270
Odisha	8540	7693	5364
Puducherry	137	102	43
Punjab	3698	3771	1858
Rajasthan	17351	14451	5756
Sikkim	186	162	149
Tamil Nadu	11300	9425	8174
Telangana	5943	6072	5803
Tripura	1163	1166	890
Uttar Pradesh	30451	25316	9231
Uttarakhand	2577	2102	310
West Bengal	14369	3958	2134
Delhi	615	393	122
Lakshadweep	19	7	7
India Total (Rural+Urban)	209910	175070	95284

Annexure-II

State/UT-wise AAMs operationalized as on 31.10.2024

Sl. No.	State Name	Total operationalized AAMs as on 31.10.2024
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	129
2	Andhra Pradesh	11,862
3	Arunachal Pradesh	485
4	Assam	4,749
5	Bihar	10,330
6	Chandigarh	58
7	Chhattisgarh	5,848
8	DNH&DD	95
9	Goa	300
10	Gujarat	10,580
11	Haryana	3,229
12	Himachal Pradesh	2,480
13	Jammu & Kashmir	3,091
14	Jharkhand	3,921
15	Karnataka	9,949
16	Kerala	7,002
17	Ladakh	321
18	Lakshadweep	13
19	Madhya Pradesh	11,867
20	Maharashtra	11,962
21	Manipur	418
22	Meghalaya	611
23	Mizoram	403
24	Nagaland	469
25	Odisha	7,358
26	Puducherry	127
27	Punjab	3,144
28	Rajasthan	11,293
29	Sikkim	184
30	Tamil Nadu	8,246
31	Telangana	5,038
32	Tripura	1,130
33	Uttar Pradesh	22,682
34	Uttarakhand	2,199
35	West Bengal	13,393
TOTAL		1,74,966