

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3180
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13 TH DECEMBER, 2024**

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANIIMS

3180: SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

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

- (a) the timeline set for the full-fledged establishment of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) in A&N Islands as per the Government of India orders;
- (b) the current status of the medical college in all respects including the civil work for building construction, laboratories, and procurement of medical instruments etc.;
- (c) the total project cost for establishment of the medical college along with the amount sanctioned and released by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the manner in which the cost escalation will be managed in case the work is not completed within the set time frame and within the allocated project amount; and
- (e) the manner in which accountability is proposed to be fixed in case of the delay in the execution of the said project?

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

(a) to (c): Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) was approved under Phase-I of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for '*Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals*' Scheme of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in the year 2015 at a cost of Rs.189 crores for up-gradation of the existing GB Pant Hospital-a district hospital at Sri Vijaya Puram in A&N Islands. The entire central share of

Rs.113.40 crore towards the project has been released to the UT Administration. The construction of new building in the new medical campus is likely to be completed by March, 2026. However, all labs (Pathology, Microbiology, Biochemistry) in the existing hospital are fully functional in an adjacent building. All the required essential equipments are available and all basic and essential tests are being done routinely.

(d) to (e): Expenditure in excess of the approved cost of the medical college will be borne by the UT Administration. Establishment of ANIIMS is a project requiring a phased approach due to the challenging terrain, geographical constraints, logistical issues, and workforce availability etc. affecting the project's progress.
