

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4169  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2024**

**NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMME**

**4169: DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) under the National Health Mission (NHM) and if so, the details of the aims and objectives of the programme;
- (b) the manner in which the Government proposes to implement the NOHP along with the details of financial assistance/Budget allocation to be made through the State Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) as per requirements in Karnataka State; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to hike the Budget of NOHP and if so, the details thereof including Karnataka?

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

(a) to (c) National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) is an initiative of the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period launched in the year 2014-15 under the National Health Mission (NHM) to strengthen the public health facilities of the country for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery.

Aim: To improve the oral health status of the population across all age groups by reducing the oral disease burden (incidence, prevalence and impact) through provision of accessible, affordable, acceptable, appropriate and comprehensive oral health care.

Objectives:

1. Strengthening the oral healthcare delivery system at all levels to render promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative services.
2. Providing support for generating evidences, innovations, and implementation of oral health policy to control and reduce the risk factors and prevent oral diseases.

3. To build the capacity of service providers and public health facilities for availability of skilled oral health care professionals and provision of essential oral healthcare services.
4. To ensure integration of oral health with relevant National Programmes under NHM in line and convergence with National Health Policy and commitments under National Oral Health Policy.
5. Identifying Centers of Excellence at National, Regional and State levels for generating research innovations and evidences to strengthen oral health Programme in the country
6. Supporting Centers of Excellence in various activities including capacity building of service providers in the States/UTs.
7. To ensure regular monitoring and periodic evaluation of oral health program for improving the implementation and outcome envisaged under NOHP.

The program has two components as under:

NHM Component: Support is provided to States to set up Dental Care Units at District Hospitals or below. Under the NHM component, total 9587 dental care units have been supported by NOHP either partially or fully, across 773 districts across all States/UTs.

Tertiary Component: This component is for central level activities. The Center for Dental Education and Research at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi was identified as the National Center of Excellence for implementation of NOHP in 2014-15.

Budget allocation made to Karnataka through PIP (excluding Human Resources) during last 5 years :

Financial Year	Allocated Budget (₹ in lakhs)
2020-21	264.6
2021-22	139.6
2022-23	379
2023-24	286.1
2024-25	299.7

The budget allocation is as per the demand of the States/UTs during the State PIP meetings. Total funds of ₹ 309.34 Lakhs have been recommended for Karnataka during 2025-26.

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