

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3523  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**EXPANSION OF PM-ABHIM PROGRAMME**

**3523. SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:**

Will be **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of target set for Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) in rural areas, Block Public Health Units (BPHUs), Critical Care Hospital Blocks and Integrated district Public Health Laboratories (IPHL) being run as part of the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure (PM-ABHIM); and
- (b) whether there is any plan to extend the said programme beyond high focus States to other backward areas including Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with some Central Sector Components (CS) which has an outlay of Rs. 64,180 Crores for the scheme period (2021-22 to 2025-26).

The scheme envisages a new generation of reforms to integrate and strengthen health service delivery and public health action. The measures under the scheme are aimed at strengthening health systems and institutions in order to provide a continuum of care at all levels, namely primary, secondary, and tertiary, as well as preparing health systems to respond effectively to current and future pandemics and disasters.

Under the CSS components of the scheme, following are the five activities where support is provisioned to the State/UTs during the scheme period (2021-2026):

- Construction of 17,788 Building less Sub-Centres as Ayushman Bharat- Health & Wellness centres, now known as **Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM)**
- Establishment of 11,024 Health & wellness Centres, now AAM in Urban areas with a focus on slum and slum like areas are envisioned

- Establishment of 3382 **Block Public Health Units (BPHUs)** at the block level,
- Establishment of 730 **District Integrated Public Health Labs** in the country, wherein each district will have one such lab.
- Establishing 602 **Critical Care Hospital Blocks (CCBs)** in all districts with population more than 5 lakhs.

PM-ABHIM is an infrastructural development scheme for strengthening of Public Health Facilities to be implemented in the States/UTs by respective Governments. At present, the focus is on construction of health facilities, the work for floating the tenders, finalization of the tender, awarding of work is carried out by the States/UT government for execution of civil works approved under the scheme.

For FY 2021-22 to 2024-25, approvals have been given for 9594 Buildingless AAM (Sub-Centers - Health & wellness Centers) for Rs. 4624.01 crore, 3051 Urban-AAMs (HWCs) for Rs. 2013.55 crore, 1324 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) for Rs. 1300.18 crore, 504 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs) for Rs.898.56 crore and 395 Critical Care Hospital Blocks (CCBs) for Rs. 11614.71 crore. Thus, administrative approvals have been accorded to States/UTs for FY 2021-22 to 2024-25 for an amount of Rs **20451.31 Crore**.

PM-ABHIM scheme is also implemented beyond the high focus states, including state of Andhra Pradesh and administrative approvals have been accorded to Andhra Pradesh for five years (i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26) for an amount of **Rs 1271.80 Crore** for construction/ strengthening of **1786 Building less-AAM** (Sub-Centers - Health & wellness Centers), **45 U-AAMs** (HWCs), **26 IPHLs** and **24 CCBs**, as per proposal of the State.

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