

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4826
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2025**

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANIIMS IN A&N ISLANDS

4826: 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 and instructions at the time of conveying sanction for the establishment of the said institution;
- (b) the current status of the said medical college in all respects, including the civil work for building construction, labs and procurement of medical instruments;
- (c) the total project cost for establishment of the said medical college along with the amount sanctioned and released by the Government so far and the detailed expenditure incurred till date; and
- (d) the manner in which the cost escalation is likely to be managed and persons to be held responsible for the cost escalation in case the work is not completed within the set time-frame and within the allocated project amount?

**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. 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. The construction of new building is on.

(d): 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.
