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UPGRADATION OF PHCs INTO CPHCs

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

- (a) whether the Government has planned to upgrade 1.5 lakh sub-centres and Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) into Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Centres (CPHCs);
- (b) if so, the current status of such transformation and the timeline fixed for its completion;
- (c) whether these CPHCs are likely to address both communicable and non-communicable diseases in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure trained manpower and adequate resources at these centres;
- (e) the details of the proposed diagnostic services to be made available at Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Centres in States across the country, State-wise especially Maharashtra;
- (f) the specific measures being undertaken by the Government to promote disease prevention and healthy behaviours through the CPHC model;
- (g) whether the Government plans integration of electronic medical records between public and private healthcare institutions and if so, the details thereof along with the safeguards for data privacy and security; and
- (h) the total budget allocation and estimated cost for the establishment and maintenance of the CPHCs under Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) scheme?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
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(a) to (c): As reported by States/UTs on AAM portal, a total of 1,78,154 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) [erstwhile Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)] have been operationalized in India, till 15.07.2025.

Through Ayushman Arogya Mandir, comprehensive primary healthcare is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). These AAMs provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative care for an expanded range of services encompassing Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases (NCDs), reproductive and child healthcare services and other health issues.

(d): AAMs are equipped with the required resources including upgraded infrastructure, additional human resource, essential drugs & diagnostics, IT systems, etc. to provide twelve packages of primary health care services. The primary health care team at AAMs are trained to deliver comprehensive primary health care services closer to the homes of people.

(e): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has launched the 'Free Diagnostics Service Initiative' (FDSI) programme under National Health Mission (NHM) in 2015 with an objective to provide accessible and affordable pathological and radiological diagnostics services closer to the community. The objective of FDSI is to provide expanded range of diagnostics, free of cost at all levels of public health facilities including 14 tests at Sub Centers and 63 at Primary Health Centers.

(f): Beyond the management of illnesses, promotive and preventive health is an integral part of comprehensive primary health care. Wellness-related activities like Yoga, cycling, and meditation are conducted in AAMs. As on 30.06.2025, a total of 5.73 crore wellness sessions have been conducted at AAMs.

(g): Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to create an online platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem to create longitudinal electronic health record of every citizen, make healthcare accessible for citizens including reducing the cost of care and enabling greater efficiencies in health service delivery between public and private Health care institutions. The digital health ecosystem created by ABDM supports continuity of care across primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare in a seamless manner. 79.75 crore ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts) IDs have been created and 65.34 crore EHR (Electronic Health Records) have been linked so far in various health portals.

(h): The estimated cost for the establishment and maintenance of AAM is about Rs.17.03 lakhs including one-time cost and recurring cost for a year. The total budget for the establishment and maintenance of the AAMs under NHM is approved under NHM ROP (Record of Proceedings) as per PIP (Program Implementation Plan) submitted by the State/UTs.
