

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3245  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**UPGRADATION OF VIMSAR, BURLA**

**3245. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering upgrading the Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Science and Research (VIMSAR), Burla to a premier AIIMS-level institution, comparable to PGIMER Chandigarh and SGPGI Lucknow to cater to the growing healthcare demands of Western Odisha and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the specific measures being planned by the Government to enhance infrastructure, super-speciality departments and research capabilities at VIMSAR to align it with global medical education and healthcare standards;
- (c) whether there are any proposal of the Government for increased funding and faculty recruitment to bridge the gaps in specialized medical care in this region and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which such an upgradation benefit underserved communities and promote equitable access to quality healthcare in Odisha?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) New All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are set up as Institutes of National Importance under AIIMS Act. All AIIMS are green field projects and there is no provision to upgrade an existing hospital into AIIMS under the Act. Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), in the State of Odisha, an AIIMS has been set up at Bhubaneswar which is fully functional. Under another component of PMSSY, upgradation of Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Science and Research (VIMSAR), Burla has been taken up by way of construction of Super Specialty Block on Centre-State cost sharing basis at a project cost of Rs. 150 Cr. (Central Share – Rs.120 Crore and State Share – Rs. 30 Crore). Under another Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry, 35 PG seats and 100 MBBS seats have been approved in VIMSAR, Burla with an approved cost of ₹ 5.40 Cr and Rs.120 Cr, respectively. Out of which, the entire Central share of Rs. 3.59 Cr for PG and Rs.72 Cr for MBBS seats has been released. For strengthening health infrastructure in rural and urban areas under National Health Mission (NHM), Rs. 1916.79 Cr has been released to State Government of Odisha in the FY 2024-25.

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