

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1052  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU**

**1052. SHRI MANI A:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to strengthen the health infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu, particularly in Dharmapuri district, under various national health programmes;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for upgrading Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals in Dharmapuri during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has approved any new projects for construction/modernization of medical facilities including diagnostic and emergency care units, in the said district; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to address shortages of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in the district?

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

(a) : Public Health and hospital being a State subject, the primary responsibility for planning, implementing, maintaining and to set up adequate number of healthcare facilities as per requirement is of that State Government. Various initiatives have been taken by Government of India over the years to strengthen public health system and improve the health infrastructure, especially in rural and underserved areas and improving primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities including Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu as given below:

(i) National Health Mission : Under the National Health Mission, financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including the healthcare infrastructure, based on proposals received from States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plan within their resource envelop. State-wise fund allocation for strengthening healthcare facilities over the last three years can be accessed at the link below:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=1377&lid=744>.

(ii) Under PM-ABHIM, provision is made for the State of Tamil Nadu for construction/strengthening of 708 Urban-Ayushman Arogya Mandir(AAM), 38 Integrated Public Health Lab (IPHL) and 37 Critical Care Blocks(CCBs) during the scheme period of FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 with the total financial out lay of Rs. 1656.32 Crores.

(iii) Under Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) for the State of Tamil Nadu, Rs.4249.42 Crore has been approved for the five year period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 and Rs. 4249.42 Cr. has been released to the local bodies so far that also includes capital cost for establishment and

strengthening Health infrastructure.

(iv) Under ECRP-II, support is being provided for Pediatric Care Units, Pediatric Centre of Excellence, Augmentation of additional beds by provision of Prefab Units, Augmentation of ICU beds in public healthcare facilities, 50 & 100 bedded Field Hospitals, Referral Transport & Liquid Medical Oxygen Plant with medical gas pipeline system. The State of Tamil Nadu, a total of Rs. Rs.798.94 crores in the FY 2021-22 which has been fully utilized.

(b): As per the information of State Government of Tamil Nadu, since 2021-22, a total investment of Rs.57.85 Crore has been allocated for upgrading Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub District Hospitals, District Hospitals and the Government Medical College Hospital in Dharmapuri District.

(c) : As per the information of the State Government of Tamil Nadu, the Government has approved several new projects for the construction and modernization of medical infrastructure, including diagnostic and emergency care services in Dharmapuri district. These include the establishment of a 50-bedded Critical Care Block in the Government Medical College Hospital, Dharmapuri, at a cost of Rs.20.00 crore. Additional buildings have also been sanctioned at Government Hospital, Pappireddipatti and Government Hospital, Harur at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore each, along with the construction of a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Wing at Government Hospital, Pennagaram for Rs.10.00 crore, and a mortuary facility in the same hospital at a cost of Rs.0.70 crore. To strengthen diagnostic capacity, an Integrated Public Health Laboratory (IPHL) has been sanctioned in Government Hospital, Pennagaram at a cost of Rs. 1.00 crore, in addition to the establishment of 10 Block-Level Public Health Units in Block PHCs at a total cost of Rs. 5.30 crore. Further, primary care infrastructure has been strengthened through the construction and upgradation of 30 buildings, including 24 Health Sub-Centres, 4 Rural PHCs, 1 Urban Health and Wellness Centre and 1 Urban PHC, with a total investment of Rs.13.85 crore.

(d) : As per the information provided by the State Government, the National Health Mission–Tamil Nadu (NHM-TN) closely monitors district-wise staffing positions and identifies gaps requiring immediate action. Recruitment processes are being expedited in close coordination with the Medical Services Recruitment Board (MRB) to ensure faster conduct of examinations, timely publication of results, prompt appointment of qualified personnel. District Health Society is also actively involved in filling vacancies at district and sub-district levels, especially for contractual and NHM-supported posts. There is no shortage of Doctors, Staff Nurse and paramedical staff in Dharmapuri District.

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