

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2209  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRES**

**2209 SHRI SUBBARAYAN K:  
COM. SELVARAJ V:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by the Association for Socially Applicable Research in collaboration with NGO Pallium India has found that India has just four palliative care centres for every ten million people, leaving millions battling cancer, chronic illness and terminal conditions without timely pain relief or support and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that most of the large States remain severely underserved, whereas Kerala is a stand-out model with only 2.5 per cent of India's population, it hosts 44.5 percent of all palliative care centres in the country and in contrast Uttar Pradesh has just 12 centres for 17 per cent of the country's population and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up more palliative care centres in the country?

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

(a) & (b): The National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC) is being implemented across all 36 States/UTs. At present, palliative care services under NPPC are functional in around 600 districts. The State-wise information of District Hospitals providing palliative care services, under National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC) is placed at Annexure I. Home based palliative care services are also being delivered by trained Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) and Community volunteers.

The State-wise details of Out-patients, In-patients and Home based Palliative Care services under NPPC for the financial year 2024-25 is at Annexure-II.

(c): Palliative care is one of the 12 essential services delivered at the Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) level, encompassing preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and

palliative care. The government is also leveraging tele-consultation services at AAM to provide access to specialists and implementing community-based initiatives to support care.

ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists) and community volunteers are trained to identify bedridden patients and others needing palliative care within the community. They conduct periodic home visits, provide support to patients and families, and help ensure continuity of care by facilitating appropriate referrals. Community Health Officers (CHOs) at the AAMs supervise care and provide regular medical attention, pain management, and emotional support.

**Districts covered under the National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC)**

S.No	Name of State/UT	Total Number of Districts functional as on October 2025
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	23
3	Arunachal Pradesh	26
4	Assam	35
5	Bihar	6
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhattisgarh	14
8	Delhi	1
9	DNH_DD	3
10	Goa	2
11	Gujarat	41 (33 Districts and 8 Municipal corporation)
12	Haryana	18
13	Himachal Pradesh	12
14	Jharkhand	18
15	Karnataka	31
16	Kerala	14
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	51
20	Maharashtra	34
21	Manipur	16
22	Meghalaya	11
23	Mizoram	9
24	Nagaland	3
25	Odisha	30
26	Puducherry	0
27	Punjab	4
28	Rajasthan	42
29	Sikkim	4
30	Tamil Nadu	38
31	Telangana	34
32	Tripura	8
33	Jammu and Kashmir	1
34	Uttar Pradesh	23
35	Uttarakhand	13
36	West Bengal	27 + 1 (Kolkata Municipal Corporation)
Total	600	

**State wise Out Patient, In-Patient and Home-Based Palliative Care Services for the year 2024-25**

S.No	State/UT	Number of Patients who availed OPD services	Number of Patients visited at home	Number of Patients who availed IPD services
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2871	2246	189
2	Andhra Pradesh	545312	266675	20483
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4433	899	1617
4	Assam	87836	19545	6812
5	Bihar	573318	37381	4693
6	Chandigarh	2410	296	161
7	Chhattisgarh	252778	46731	15087
8	Delhi	35336	82	4112
9	Goa	2728	1096	214
10	Gujarat	270459	73855	21996
11	Haryana	45316	15801	4515
12	Himachal Pradesh	3281	1552	6298
13	Jammu and Kashmir	45786	6947	7355
14	Jharkhand	23195	5379	2091
15	Karnataka	290681	56009	50985
16	Kerala	1347566	977879	43939
17	Ladakh	3289	2357	1025
18	Lakshadweep	923	386	136
19	Madhya Pradesh	217403	89897	40532
20	Maharashtra	539427	280553	68105
21	Manipur	5790	7744	592
22	Meghalaya	8743	4049	3415
23	Mizoram	7358	7473	475
24	Nagaland	3621	2658	300
25	Odisha	223056	71370	37737
26	Puducherry	12341	2039	193
27	Punjab	19997	5095	2701
28	Rajasthan	71905	3143	9564
29	Sikkim	4596	4598	164
30	Tamil Nadu	521641	258766	31583
31	Telangana	152799	53322	22369
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1731	3113	311
33	Tripura	16424	19763	1444
34	Uttarakhand	8108	2444	2535
35	Uttar Pradesh	368834	33832	35477
36	West Bengal	360777	152688	100851
	All India	6082069	2517663	550056