

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2234
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025**

POST-COVID PREPAREDNESS IN HEALTH SECTOR

2234. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

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

- (a) the number of doctors per 1,000 population for each of the last ten years, including the current year and whether such data is centrally maintained;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of budget allocations for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the last ten financial years, including the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the special measures undertaken by the Government post COVID-19 in the country including investments in oxygen plants, ICU/bed capacity, health workforce, digital health and surveillance systems, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether any assessments or evaluations have been conducted on preparedness for future health crises, if so, the details and the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e): There are 13,88,185 registered allopathic doctors and 7,51,768 registered AYUSH practitioners. Assuming that 80% of registered practitioners in both the allopathic and AYUSH systems are available, the doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be 1:811. Budget allocations for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the last ten financial years is at **Annexure**.

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare supports all States/UTs in strengthening health systems for better preparedness against future pandemics and public-health emergencies. Assistance includes upgrading health infrastructure, expanding laboratory and surveillance networks, improving medical logistics, and installing Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) tanks.

To build long-term national preparedness, the Pradhan Mantri–Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), with an outlay of ₹64,180 crore, has been implemented. Key components include establishing/strengthening Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs), Block Public Health Units (BPHUs), Critical Care Hospital Blocks (CCBs), and expanding the Integrated Health Information Portal across all States/UTs.

Further, during COVID-19, 1,225 PSA oxygen plants were set up nationwide to enhance oxygen availability. The Ministry conducts periodic mock drills to ensure their regular functioning.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2234 for answer on 12.12.2025.

Annexure

(Rs. in crore in net)

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate
2015-16	31050.00	32819.00
2016-17	37061.55	38343.33
2017-18	47352.51	51550.85
2018-19	52800.00	54302.50
2019-20	62659.12	62659.12
2020-21	65011.80	78866.00
2021-22	71268.77	82920.65
2022-23	83000.00	76370.40
2023-24	86175.00	77624.79
2024-25	87656.90	86582.48