

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *210
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

LABOUR ROOM QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

***210. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative (LaQshya) across health institutions in Odisha, if so, the type of facilities covered as of 2025;

(b) the details of labour rooms and maternity operation theatres in the State that have received National-level LaQshya certifications;

(c) whether the programme has been rolled out in tribal districts and if so, the outcomes achieved in terms of maternal satisfaction scores, reduction in stillbirth rates and service quality indicators; and

(d) the details of capacity-building or training initiatives for healthcare staff under LaQshya for Odisha?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has implemented LaQshya (Labour Room Quality Improvement initiative) in Labour Rooms (LRs) & Maternity Operation Theatres (MOTs) across the country including the State of Odisha. The types of public health facilities covered are Medical College Hospitals, District Hospitals, Sub-District Hospitals and Community Health Centres.

The Labour Rooms (LRs) and Maternity Operation Theatres (MOTs) in the Odisha State who received National level LaQshya Certifications as on 31st Jan 2026 are as under-

Type of Health facility	Number of Facilities received National level LaQshya Certification-	
	LR	MOT
Total	30	26
Medical College Hospital	1	1
District Hospital	23	22
Sub-District Hospital	4	1
Community Health Centres	2	2

(c) The LaQshya programme has been rolled out in all States/UTs including tribal districts in India. The programme improvements are as under-

- There has been reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio from 130 (SRS 2014-16) to 88 (SRS 2021-23)

- Stillbirth Rate of India has reduced from 12.5 (2020-21) to 9.4 (2025-26) (Source: HMIS as on Jan 2026).
- The percentage of Institutional Delivery in India has increased from 78.9% as per NFHS-4 (2015-16) to 88.6% as per NFHS-5 (2019-21).

(d) As per the information received from the State of Odisha, the details of capacity building initiatives for healthcare staff under LaQshya programme include the following:-

- State level orientation on "LaQshya Programme" for Programme officers and Programme Managers.
- State level orientation workshop on Labour Room (LR) standardization for Additional District Medical Officer (Medical), Deputy Manager Reproductive Child Health (DMRCHs) and Hospital Managers.
- State level training on LaQshya for Hospital Managers of First Referral Units (FRUs) & Medical Colleges.
- State level Training of Trainers (ToT) for Scaling up of Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) under LaQshya.
- District level training on "LaQshya Programme" for Obs. & Gyn. Specialist, Programme Officers and Programme Managers.
- Facility Level Training on Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) at District Hospitals/First Referral Units.
