

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1339
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES IN GOPALGANJ DISTRICT

1339. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

- (a) the number of Government health facilities available in Gopalganj district under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and other Central health schemes, Scheme-wise;
- (b) whether these health facilities are adequately equipped to provide emergency and specialised medical care, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any special measures to improve healthcare delivery in rural and remote areas of the district, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) put in place to ensure timely access to healthcare services during emergencies; and
- (e) the additional policy and institutional measures proposed by the Government to further improve the quality and accessibility of healthcare services in the future?

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

(a) to (e): As on 31.01.2026, 13 Government health facilities are empanelled under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Gopalganj district. All health facilities empanelled under AB-PMJAY, including public hospitals, meet the basic minimum eligibility criteria as prescribed by the National Health Authority. Further, as on 31.12.2025, 227 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are operationalized in Gopalganj district of Bihar.

Government of India has undertaken various initiatives/measures under the National Health Mission (NHM) to improve the maternal health indicators across the country through various schemes such as Janani Suraksha Yojana, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram, Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan and optimizing postnatal care. Besides, outreach camps are held to improve the health care services, nutrition and community mobilization as well as to track high-risk pregnancies.

Under NHM, the Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare services and to promote disease prevention. Through, Ayushman

Arogya Mandirs (AAMs), comprehensive primary healthcare is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centers (PHCs) for an expanded range of services encompassing reproductive and child healthcare services, elderly care services, Communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, emergency medical services and other health issues.

The teleconsultation services, available at all operational AAMs across the country including rural areas, enable people to access the specialist services closer to their homes addressing the concerns of physical accessibility and continuum of care.

To ensure availability of essential drugs and reduce the Out-of-Pocket Expenditure of the patients visiting the public health facilities, the Government has rolled out the Free Drugs Service Initiative under NHM. Under Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, financial support to States/UTs is provided for accessible and affordable pathological and radiological diagnostics services closer to the community, free of cost, at all levels of public health facilities.

Additionally, AB-PMJAY has a comprehensive media and outreach strategy to spread awareness and empower beneficiaries for their rights and entitlements. This includes advertisement over traditional media platforms including newspapers, community radio, street plays, digital displays, radio campaigns and mass messaging etc.

As per the guidelines of AB-PMJAY, hospitals are allowed to initiate request for preauthorization upto 3 days post the date of admission in case of private hospitals and 5 days post the date of admission in case of public hospitals. This feature enables timely access to healthcare services during emergencies.

In order to access adequate supply of quality healthcare facilities to the scheme beneficiaries, a network of public and private hospitals have been empanelled under AB-PMJAY. Standard treatment guidelines (STGs) have been developed and documented for every health benefits package under the scheme. Any deviation from STGs by empanelled healthcare providers is closely monitored at the time of claim processing.
