

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1358
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS AND LACK OF DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES

1358. SHRI E TUKARAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that despite increased Central funding under health schemes such as National Health Mission (NHM) and Pradhan Mantri–Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), districts like Ballari in Karnataka are still facing shortage of doctors, lack of diagnostic facilities and non-functional public health infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation challenges at the Central level that have affected timely delivery of health facilities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps proposed by the Government in the Union Budget to ensure timely fund flow, stronger monitoring and time-bound functioning of health facilities in high-need districts like Ballari?

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

(a) to (d): Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility for ensuring the availability of adequate doctors and healthcare professionals rests with the State/UT Governments. Nevertheless, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is extended to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems, including assistance for engaging doctors on a contractual basis, as per the requirements projected by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). States are also encouraged to adopt flexible

norms for engaging specialist doctors in public health facilities. In addition, financial support is provided for performance-based incentives, hard area allowances for rural and remote locations, and sponsoring training programmes for engaged human resources to help address shortages in public health facilities.

The details of doctors & health facilities functioning in rural and urban areas across all States/UTs, can be accessed at the following link of Health Dynamics of India (HDI) 2022–23:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

Under NHM, funds are allocated to States based on the State Programme Implementation Plans (SPIPs) submitted by the States duly appraised by National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC). The details are available over public domain at:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=57&lid=70>

As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure (DoE) dated 13.07.2023, the Ministry of Finance has introduced the New Fund Flow Mechanism i.e. SNA SPARSH which is just-in-time release of funds for all Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
