

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3542
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2026**

VACANCIES IN DISTRICT AND RURAL HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several posts of specialist doctors, anaesthetists, pediatricians and gynaecologists are lying vacant in the district and rural hospitals of Beed district and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any special scheme has been proposed by the Government to fill the said vacancies and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide financial assistance to upgrade the Beed District Hospital into a Super-Specialty Hospital, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to provide assistance to establish regional treatment centres for cancer and heart diseases in drought-prone and economically backward districts like Beed, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any complaints have been received regarding eligible beneficiaries not receiving full benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the concrete steps likely to be taken by the Government to improve the situation in this regard?

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

(a) to (d): Public Health' & 'Hospitals' are State subjects, hence, the primary responsibility of providing basic healthcare services including specialist doctors, anaesthetists, pediatricians and gynaecologists in public health facilities of the country lies with respective State/UT Government.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) (Infrastructure & Human Resources), 2022-23 is an annual publication, based on healthcare administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of availability of healthcare facilities and specialized human resources & gaps in the country, State/UT-wise including Beed district of Maharashtra, may be seen at the following link of 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

The Government of India has taken number of initiatives in the form of incentives and honorarium to the medical professionals for encouraging better service delivery in rural and remote areas across the country including Maharashtra, which include:

- Hard Area Allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.
- States are also allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as "You Quote We Pay".
- Non-monetary incentives such as preferential admission in postgraduate courses for staff serving in difficult areas and improving accommodation arrangement in rural areas have also been introduced under NHM.
- Multi-skilling of doctors is supported under NHM to overcome the shortage of specialists such as Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) and Life Saving Anaesthesia Skills (LSAS).

Super-speciality facilities of Tertiary care are provided through Medical Colleges and primary/secondary care is provided till the level of District Hospital (DH). Under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support for infrastructure, human resource and capacity building, drugs, diagnostics, equipment and quality assurance to the States/UTs including Maharashtra to strengthen District hospitals, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Support under NHM is provided to State/UTs for provision of dialysis services and cancer care facilities in District Hospitals.

The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) with an outlay of Rs.64,180 crore aims to provide support for infrastructure development for Sub-Health Centres, Urban Health and Wellness Centres, Support for Block Public Health Units, Integrated District Public Health Laboratories (IPHL) and Critical Care Hospital Blocks (CCBs). Total amount of 1086.44 Cr. has been approved under PM-ABHIM for the State of Maharashtra for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

The Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) has recommended grants through local governments for specific components of the health sector to the tune of Rs.70,051 crore and the same have been accepted by the Union Government. These grants for health through Local Governments will be spread over the five-year period from FY 2021-2022 to FY 2025-26 and will facilitate strengthening of health system at the grass-root level. Total amount of Rs.7063.60 crore has been allocated under FC-XV health grant for the State of Maharashtra for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, early diagnosis, referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment and management and health promotion and awareness generation for prevention of NCDs including cervical cancer. Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 364 District Day Care Centres, 233 Cardiac Care Units and 6410 Community Health Centre NCD Clinics has been set up in the country including Maharashtra. Additional 297 Day Care Cancer Centers (DCCC) also approved in this financial year.

A population-based initiative for screening, management and prevention of common NCDs have been rolled out as a part of comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under NHM.

(e) & (f): Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is a flagship scheme of the Government which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 Crore beneficiaries corresponding to 12.37 Crore families constituting economically vulnerable bottom 40% of India's population. Recently, the scheme has been expanded to cover 6 crore senior citizens of age 70 years and above belonging to 4.5 crore families irrespective of their socio-economic status under AB PM-JAY with Vay Vandana Card.

NHA maintains Centralized Grievance Redressal Management System (CGRMS) and a 24×7 toll-free helpline number 14555 for registering any grievance or seeking any information related to PM-JAY.

Such grievances are monitored through a three-tier grievance redressal mechanism at the District, State, and National level. At each level, designated nodal officers and Grievance Redressal Committees are in place to examine and resolve the grievances.
