

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4830
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026**

CRITICAL CARE SERVICES AT GMCH, CHANDIGARH

4830. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of reports that a large number of ventilators supplied during the COVID-19 pandemic at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh are lying non-functional affecting critical care services and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of ventilators supplied and the number currently functional along with the reasons for those that are non-functional including issues of maintenance and availability of spare parts;
- (c) whether there are shortages of ventilator and trained staff is facing shortages of technical staff, including the absence of ventilators, ventilator technicians and trained staff at the Trauma Centre at GMCH-32 and shortages of nursing and paramedical staff at GMCH-32, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to repair non-functional equipments, fill up vacancies and strengthen critical care infrastructure in the said hospitals at Chandigarh?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has assisted the States/UTs from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic by, inter-alia, providing Medical Equipment like PPEs, N-95 Mask, Ventilators free of cost.

The Government of India provided total 99 Ventilators to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Chandigarh during Covid 19. GMCH has reported that as of now, 35 ventilators are functional. Further, GMCH has reported that Trauma Centre has sufficient doctors and nursing staff. All ICU equipment are covered under Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contracts (CAMC).
