

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5560
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2026**

MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS UNDER PM-JANMAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has deployed Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) under the PM-JANMAN Scheme to provide healthcare services in tribal habitations within the areas of Sidhi, Singrauli and Beohari falling under the Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of tribal habitations covered by these Mobile Medical Units so far;
- (c) whether diagnostic tests and medicines are being provided through the said Mobile Medical Units and if so, the details of the diagnostic tests being conducted and the specific medicines being made available therein;
- (d) whether any qualitative improvements have been recorded in the health outcomes of the tribal population following the operationalisation of these Mobile Medical Units and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken any large-scale awareness campaigns or publicity measures in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
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(a) to (e): Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) are supported under National Health Mission (NHM) to provide outreach services in remote villages with difficult terrain which are underserved and inaccessible. Under NHM, norms have been relaxed for tribal/hilly/hard-to-reach areas to strengthen healthcare access. Up to 4 MMUs per district are permitted in tribal and hard-to-reach areas, compared to 2 in plain districts.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), launched on 15th November, 2023 by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), further relaxation in NHM norms has been provided up to 10 MMUs per district with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas. As per MMU portal, 815 MMUs under PM-JANMAN are operational

across the country for providing basic health services in tribal areas till 18.02.2026. As informed by Government of M.P., 1268 PVTG villages of 87 blocks in 21 districts including Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency are covered by 66 MMUs under PM-JANMAN.

To ensure availability of essential drugs and diagnostic tests to patients visiting the public health facilities, Government has rolled out the Free Drugs Service Initiative and Free Diagnostics Service Initiative under NHM. As informed by Government of M.P., 13 tests and 65 drugs are provided through the said MMUs.

There are various mechanisms and survey agencies which generate data on tribal healthcare on a periodic basis. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) provides details on major changes in health outcomes among all the high-burden tribal districts across the country. Census of India provides population and household details including tribal areas. National Sample Survey provides household surveys on various socio-economic subjects. The State-wise list of key indicators NFHS-5 may be extracted from below mentioned link:

<https://www.nfhsiips.in/nfhsuser/publication.php>

Health camp like outreach initiatives and community mobilization activities by ASHAs are also implemented for awareness and serving essential health services in remote places including hard-to reach areas.
