

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 5602  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2026**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ABDM IN CACHAR DISTRICT**

**5602. SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA:**

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

- (a) the progress achieved under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) in the State of Assam, particularly in the Cachar district including the total number of ABHA IDs created and linked with healthcare facilities during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Silchar Medical College and Hospital has been fully integrated with the ABDM digital health ecosystem including the Health Information Exchange (HIE), Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and telemedicine services and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure interoperability and standardisation of hospital information systems across Government hospitals in Cachar district under the Mission;
- (d) whether Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tools are being deployed in public healthcare institutions in Assam, particularly at Silchar Medical College and Hospital, for diagnostics, fraud detection, disease surveillance and population health management, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the safeguards and regulatory mechanisms put in place to ensure data privacy, transparency, ethical use of AI and protection of patient information under the ABDM framework in Assam?

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

(a) to (e): The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by the Government of India in September 2021 to support the development of an integrated, citizen-centric national digital health ecosystem. The progress of ABHA numbers created, health facilities registered on Health Facility Registry (HFR), health professionals registered on Health Professional Registry (HPR), health facilities linking digital health records and digital health

records linked in Assam, including Cachar district, as on 23rd March 2026, for the last three years is at Annexure.

The Silchar Medical College and Hospital has been integrated with ABDM and uses an ABDM enabled HMIS (Hospital Management Information System) – NIC eHospital. As on 24 March 2026, a total of 82,921 health records have been linked by the facility using Health Information Exchange (HIE) under ABDM.

ABDM enables interoperability by establishing common health data standards and developing registries for individuals, health facilities, healthcare professionals, and other necessary components. This allows various digital health systems across both public and private healthcare ecosystems to exchange data across healthcare providers, even when they use different digital platforms. Silchar Medical College and Hospital has been empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). AI and ML-based triggers are used for identifying potential misuse in the claims raised under AB PM-JAY by various empanelled hospitals, including Silchar Medical College and Hospital.

‘Privacy by Design’ is one of the key guiding principles of ABDM, and there is no centralised repository of health data. ABDM facilitates secure data exchange between the intended stakeholders on the ABDM network after the patient’s consent. Further, prior to integration with ABDM, digital health applications are validated in a Sandbox environment, and they undergo security audits like WASA (Web Application Security Audit) to ensure data security.

In addition, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the ‘Strategy for AI in Healthcare in India’ (SAHI) and the ‘Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI’ (BODH) on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 during the India AI impact summit. SAHI is a national guidance framework to enable the safe, ethical, evidence-based, responsible and inclusive adoption of artificial intelligence across India’s healthcare system. ‘Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI’ (BODH) provides a structured mechanism for testing and benchmarking AI solutions before deployment at scale.

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**Details of ABHAs created, health facilities registered on HFR, health professionals registered on HPR, health facilities linking digital health records and digital health records linked in Assam, including Cachar district for the last three years**

<b>State/ District</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-2026 (as on 23.03.2026)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assam</b>	ABHA numbers Created	63,91,485	18,36,524	35,97,525	1,18,25,534
	Health Facilities Registered (HFR)	257	5,615	5,848	11,720
	Healthcare Professionals Registered (HPR)	11,782	8,689	4,486	24,957
	Health Facilities Linking Digital Health Records	79	3,085	4,111	4,695
	Health Records Linked	1,08,649	6,50,482	20,13,251	27,72,382
<b>Cachar District (Assam)</b>	ABHA numbers Created	3,67,236	60,751	1,22,429	5,50,416
	Health Facilities Registered (HFR)	14	87	548	649
	Healthcare Professionals Registered (HPR)	1,022	172	134	1,328
	Health Facilities Linking Digital Health Records	5	142	282	292
	Digital Health Records Linked	12,899	78,532	1,50,831	2,42,262

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