

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *181
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31TH JULY, 2026**

FUNCTIONING OF NUTRITION REHABILITATION CENTRES

***181 SHRI SHREYAS M PATEL:**

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

- (a) the total number of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) functioning in Hassan District, Karnataka, along with their locations, bed capacity and staffing positions;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the prevalence of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) among children in the district and evaluated the adequacy of the existing NRC facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilised during the last five years for establishment, strengthening and operation of NRCs;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for establishing additional NRCs or upgrading existing facilities in Hassan District, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to establish additional NRCs in underserved taluks and strengthen linkages with Anganwadi Centres, Primary Health Centres and District Hospitals for early identification, referral and treatment of malnourished children, if so, the details thereof along with the expected timeline for implementation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) As per information shared by the State of Karnataka, details of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) functioning in Hassan District under the National Health Mission (NHM) is placed below:

Details of NRCs	1 [Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS), District Hassan]
Number of Beds	20
Human Resources	1 Medical Officer 1 Nutrition Counsellor 1 Staff Nurse 1 Cook cum Care Taker 1 Attendant

As per the State, it also maintains functional Taluk-level NRCs at Arasikere, Belur and Sakaleshpura in Hassan district.

(b) The Government assesses the prevalence of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) through growth monitoring activities conducted at the Anganwadi Centres through Poshan Tracker under Ministry of Women & Child Development and health screening by the Department of Health & Family Welfare.

Monitoring under the National Health Mission (NHM) is carried out through a robust, multi-layered framework that includes review of State-wise Key Deliverables against approved targets during NPCC meetings with all States/UTs. In addition, annual Common Review Missions (CRMs) provide independent, on-ground assessments of programme implementation, health system strengthening, and progress on key indicators, enabling identification of gaps, course correction and strengthening of accountability at State and District levels.

National Family Health Survey 5 (2019-21) data for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) among children under 5 years in Hassan District is given below:

S. No.	Indicator (%)	Hassan District
1.	Children under 5 years who are wasted	15.2
2.	Children under 5 years who are severely wasted	5.2

(c) The details of funds approved and expenditure under National Health Mission for NRCs for the State of Karnataka from FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26 are placed at **Annexure**.

(d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides support through the National Health Mission (NHM) based on the proposals received from the States/UTs in their Annual Programme Implementation Plans. Approval was provided for the proposal for establishment of NRC in District Hassan under NHM as per the proposal of the State Government.

(e) As per information received from the State, Taluk level NRCs have been approved for the Talukas of Channarayapatna, Holenarasipura, Alur, and Arakalagudu of Hassan District as per State Budget Announcement for FY 2026–27.

As per the existing guidelines, NHM provides supportive framework for management and referral of malnourished children. These include support for operational costs including wage compensation and diet for mothers, treatment and special diet for admitted children, Human Resource and their training, Equipment, incentives to ASHAs for referral and follow up of children admitted in NRCs and infrastructure maintenance. Capacity building of the mothers/caregivers is supported through counselling and support on age-appropriate feeding practices of children after discharge from the NRCs by the Frontline workers and Nutrition counsellors.

For strengthening the linkages, inter-ministerial co-ordination is facilitated through early identification of children suffering from Moderate and Severe Acute Malnutrition by sharing of data through digital portals.

**Annexure refers to part c of Lok Sabha Starred Question 181, dated
31.07.2026**

**Approvals and Expenditure for Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres under National Health Mission
for the State of Karnataka from period of F.Y. 2022-23 to 2025-26**

Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres	Karnataka (in Rs lakhs)	
	SPIP Approval	Expenditure
2022-23	336.68	274.51
2023-24	326.6	178.89
2024-25	389.72	120.94
2025-26	449.72	83.03
Note: Expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year. Expenditure is as per FMRs submitted by States/UTs and is provisional		
