

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1020
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026**

SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL STAFF AND EQUIPMENTS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government hospitals and medical colleges including institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) across the country are facing a shortage of doctors, nurses and essential medical equipments;
- (b) if so, the current status of vacant posts in such institutions located in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the funds released for strengthening the tertiary healthcare infrastructure in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years; and
- (d) the effective steps taken by the Union Government to ensure the availability of quality and affordable healthcare services in the cities of the said State?

**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. The primary responsibility for the availability of doctors, specialists, nurses and paramedical staff in various public health facilities in the country lies with the respective State/UT Governments.

The details regarding doctors, nurses and specialists and their vacancies in Government hospitals across the country including Maharashtra, at the healthcare facilities across the country can be accessed at the following link of Health Dynamics of India (HDI) 2023-24:

<https://www.mohfw-dohfw.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/05/57202cf30629539e4d0fb0a2f700ac62.pdf>

The details of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts in AIIMS Nagpur are as under:-

Faculty Position			Non-Faculty Position (including SR/JR/Nurses)		
Sanc	In positon	Vacant	Sanctioned	In positon	Vacant
373	282	91	2107	1619	488

The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, human resources in health facilities, availability and accessibility to quality healthcare across the country including Maharashtra. Technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NHM. Approval is accorded to the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

The details of the Central Releases made to the State of Maharashtra under the National Health Mission (NHM) during FY 2023–24 to FY 2025–26 are as follows:

Rs. In Crore

Financial Year	Central Release
2023-24	2,729.30
2024-25	2,417.95
2025-26	2,496.32

Under Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) total amount of Rs. 1086.44 crore has been approved for the State of Maharashtra for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

Under Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) total amount of Rs.7063.60 crore health grant has been approved for Maharashtra for the period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

Under the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centre (TCCC) Facilities scheme under NP-NCD, financial support is provided to States/UTs for establishment of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country. In the State of Maharashtra, three institutes have been approved under the Scheme for strengthening tertiary healthcare infrastructure, comprising two TCCCS and one SCI. During Financial Year 2023–24, financial assistance of Rs.6.8186 crore and Rs.6.7415 crore was released to the two approved TCCCs.

Under National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) an amount of Rs. 1.41 Crore was released to GMC & J.J. Hospital, Mumbai during the FY 2024-25.

A total of 1.86 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) have been operationalized across the country, including 13,457 in Maharashtra. Teleconsultation services are available at all operational AAMs, facilitating access to specialist healthcare closer to people's homes, with 46.90 crore teleconsultations conducted nationwide as on 30.06.2026. Further, under the National Ambulance Service, NHM supports 28,472 ambulances and emergency response vehicles of various categories across the country, including Maharashtra, to ensure timely transportation of patients, particularly pregnant women and sick infants, to public health facilities.

Further, through various Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), the Ministry has taken steps to address the shortage of the doctors/medical professionals in the country like establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital, strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges by increasing MBBS and PG seats, upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks and setting up new AIIMS across the country.
