

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2026**

POOR HEALTHCARE FACILITY AT BITRA ISLAND

1119. SHRI MUHAMMED HAMDULLAH SAYEED:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the existing First Aid Centre at Bitra Island, Lakshadweep, is inadequate to meet the healthcare needs of the Island's residents due to the absence of a full-fledged Primary Health Centre (PHC), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Lakshadweep Administration for the upgradation of the First Aid Centre at Bitra into a full-fledged PHC with adequate medical personnel, essential medicines, diagnostic facilities and emergency care services to ensure better healthcare delivery for the residents of the Island; and
- (c) if so, the details and the current status of the proposal, along with the timeline fixed for the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : As per the Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure & Human Resources) 2023-24, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep has 4 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in position.

Health being a state subject, the primary responsibility to strengthen healthcare facilities in the State/UTs lies with the respective State/UTs. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), the Government of India provides need based technical and financial support to the States/UTs, including the UT of Lakshadweep, based on the proposals made by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) within their overall resource envelop duly approved by the National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC).

The UT Administration of Lakshadweep has not submitted any proposal for upgradation of the existing First Aid Centre at the Bitra Island to the level of a Primary Health Centre in their Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for 2026-27.
