

**Funds for maintenance of medical equipments**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 30-63 per cent of roughly ₹ 10,000 crores worth of existing medical equipment in public health facilities across all States is dysfunctional;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to allocate special funds to the States to engage medical equipment maintenance agencies to tackle this problem as part of the effort to improve the public health care infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) There is no published report to support such a finding. However, from primary data collected in 10 districts in five states, the status of dysfunctional medical equipment was observed as below:

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Bihar	upto 43%
Uttarakhand	upto 36.11%
West Bengal	upto 57%
Karnataka	upto 30%
Madhya Pradesh	upto 68.57%

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(c) and (d) Public Health being a State subject, under the National Health Mission (NHM) support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health care systems including support for medical equipment maintenance through agencies based on the Programme Implementation Plans submitted by the States/UTs. This support is provided within the resource envelope of the NHM for the State and no additional special funds are being allocated.

**Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges**

128. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade the Government Medical Colleges in the country, particularly in Punjab;