

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH DECEMBER 2023**

BETTERMENT OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES

259 SHRI VAIKO:

SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) whether G-20 countries adopted joint declaration to stress on strengthening primary health centres and health workforce and betterment of essential health services in the next two to three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India formulated any comprehensive plan to achieve the objectives within three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including proposed increase in the budgetary provisions in the coming years to improve health infrastructure in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d) : G20 Countries adopted the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, which focuses on strengthening primary health care and health workforce and improving essential health services and health systems. The New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) is available at <https://www.mea.gov.in/Images/CPV/G20-New-Delhi-Leaders-Declaration.pdf>

National Health Mission is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which the Government of India provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to man health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care, especially for the underserved and marginalized groups.

Under the National Health Mission during the F.Y. 2023-24, Rs. 29,085.26 Crores has been allocated in Budget Estimate (BE) as against the BE of Rs. 28,859.73 Crores for the F.Y. 2022-23.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 Crores for 5 years is dedicated towards strengthening health care infrastructure to effectively manage and respond to any future pandemics and outbreaks across the country.

As on 30.11.2023, 1,62,991 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (erstwhile AB-Health and Wellness Centres) are operational which provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative care for an expanded range of services encompassing Reproductive and child care services, Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases, Palliative Care and elderly Care, Care for common mental disorders, neurological conditions (epilepsy, dementia) and substance use disorders management (tobacco, alcohol, drugs), Oral health, ENT care, and Basic emergency care.

The XV-Finance Commission has recommended grants aggregating to Rs. 70,051 Crores over the period of five years (2021-2026) through local government to strengthen the healthcare system in states.

During the F.Y. 2023-24, Rs. 86,175 Crores has been allocated in BE to the Department of Health and Family Welfare as against the BE of Rs. 83,000 Crores for the F.Y. 2022-23.
