

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2033
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025**

PERFORMANCE OF DISTRICT HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY

**2033. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA :
SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether Government is taking measures to implement NITI Aayog's report on Best Practices in the Performance of District Hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the progress made in this respect and the challenges faced in this regard; and
- (d) the proposed measures to be taken in this regard?

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

(a) to (d): Health is a State subject, and adoption/ implementation of best practices is the prerogative of the State. Under NHM, financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health care systems upto secondary Care level including setting up/upgrading public health facilities and augmenting health human resource on contractual basis for provision of equitable, affordable healthcare to all its citizens based on requirements posed by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Concerted efforts have been taken to improve the performance and quality of services in the District Hospitals (DHs). The performance assessment exercise carried out by NITI Aayog covered 707 District Hospitals across all States/UTs . 75 hospitals emerged as top performers based on KPIs. The ongoing measures to strengthen health care facilities are as follows:

(i) Infrastructure of District Hospitals is strengthened through various interventions in addition to NHM which are as follows:-

Emergency COVID Response Package (ECRP) I & II, 15th Finance Commission, Prime Minister - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

(ii) Efforts are ongoing in developing the capacities of district hospitals as training sites

for training nurses, ANMs, paramedics and for providing DNB/CPS courses for medical officers (MOs).

(iii) The government has integrated “Mera Aspataal”, a patient feed-back system in the DHs which enhances accountability among District Hospitals.

(iv) Given that the evaluation of the DH’s performance is dependent on the integrity of data recording and reporting system, efforts have been taken to strengthen the Health Management and Information System (HMIS) to monitor Hospital performance.

(v) To ensure availability of Essential drugs & Diagnostic tests to reduce the Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) of the patients visiting the public health facilities, Government has rolled out the Free Drugs Service Initiative and Free Diagnostics Initiative under National Health Mission (NHM) under which a fixed number of essential drugs and diagnostics should be made available at District Hospitals.

(vi) Accessibility to specialist care has been further enhanced through tele-consultation platforms like e-Sanjeevani.

(vii) Shortages in Human Resources and improvement in infrastructure has been ensured through various initiatives under NHM and PM-ABHIM.
