

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 765
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024**

TRAINING TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

765. DR. M P ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to ensure that the training and capacity building of healthcare professionals aim at effective use of telemedicine technology to provide accessible healthcare to remote and underserved areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated any specific funds/resources for the development and enhancement of telemedicine infrastructure in public hospitals in the State of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the purpose during the last three years?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) rolled out Telemedicine services as a policy intervention under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme. In wake of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, telemedicine assumed greater importance, enabling practitioners to utilize the digital platform for health counselling and also as a mechanism to train health service providers. Further, in order to augment the potential of eSanjeevani Platform, eSanjeevani OPD was launched in April 2020, to facilitate online health services to the patients in the confines of their home, free of cost to ensure continuum of care.

The government ensures the training and capacity building of healthcare professionals for the effective use of telemedicine technology through the eSanjeevani platform. eSanjeevani team at C-DAC Mohali conducts virtual training sessions for doctors and healthcare workers to build their capacities.

As on 30th June, 2024, a total of 26,33,16,023 teleconsultations have been completed. This facility is currently serving around 4-5 lacs patients per day. eSanjeevani (Telemedicine) service is operational in more than 1,26,153 Ayushman Aarogya Mandirs and in more than

15,870 hubs located in all States/UTs. More than 2,14,715 doctors/paramedics are on boarded and trained under eSanjeevani initiative ever since its inception in 2019.

(c) & (d): SPIP Approval and Expenditure of the State of Kerala for “**Teleconsultation facilities at Health and Wellness Centres**” under National Health Mission (NHM) for the FY 2021-22 to 2023-24 is given as below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Financial Year | SPIP Approval | Expenditure |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2021-22 | - | 33.81 |
| 2022-23 | 616.60 | 151.94 |
| 2023-24 | 4,810.59 | 182.94 |

Note:

The above information is as per FMR submitted by the State and are provisional.

Expenditure includes expenditure against central share, state share and unspent balance at the beginning of the year.