

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6163

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ASSISTANCE TO STATE RUN HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing financial and other assistance for improvement of infrastructure and health facilities to State run hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated during the 11th Five Year Plan for this purpose, year-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to provide certain medical devices including pacemakers for the poor patients at free/affordable cost in Government hospitals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) to (c): Public Health is a State subject. Under National Rural Health Mission, financial support is provided to States for setting up/upgradation of rural health infrastructure based on the requirements posed by the State/UT Governments in their Programme Implementation Plans.

The statement showing the funds allocated during the 11th Five Year Plan for this purpose, year- wise, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(d) & (e): There is no such proposal with the Central Government. Public health is a state subject. However, poor patients can avail the benefit of certain medical devices including pacemaker through Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi in certain Central Government institutions/hospitals.