

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN BENGAL

5610. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the acute shortage of proper healthcare facilities in the entire North Bengal region;
- (b) if so, the details of rural primary healthcare facilities in North Bengal region and its functioning;
- (c) the criteria put in place for a region to qualify for a centrally funded multispeciality hospital like AIIMS;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop health infrastructure through centrally funded hospitals in the North Bengal region; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the necessary steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): “Public Health and Hospital” being a State Subject, the primary responsibility of constructing proper healthcare facilities including rural Primary Healthcare facilities lies with respective State Governments.

However, to address the healthcare challenges, National Health Mission (NHM) supplements the efforts of the State/UT governments to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to all those who access public health facilities.

NHM support is provided to State/UTs for bridging the gap of infrastructure by setting up of new facilities and upgradation of existing facilities based on the requirement posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs) within their resource envelop. The details of healthcare facilities in various districts / region of the State with their functional status are not maintained centrally.

However, as per Rural Health Statistics 2017-18, shortage/shortfall in health facilities (Sub Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres) and number of sub divisional hospital and district hospital available in the State of West Bengal is given at Annexure-I. Further, as per the information received from the State, West Bengal State has taken all actions to create required health facilities in North Bengal region which has 160 Primary Health Centres and 2276 Sub Health Centres and district wise status is given in Annexure-II.

(c) to (e): Site for new AIIMS that are now being established in the country are finalized through Challenge Method. Details regarding Challenge Method are given at Annexure-III.

Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), an AIIMS in Kalyani, West Bengal has been approved at a cost of Rs. 1754 crore and is under construction; Upgradation of following four (4) Medical Colleges have been undertaken under PMSSY:

- (a) Kolkata Medical College, Kolkata (Phase-I)
- (b) BS Medical College, Bankura,
- (c) Govt. Medical College, Malda; and
- (d) North Bengal Medical College, Darjeeling
(Phase-III).

Status of the above projects are given at Annexure-IV. As per the information received from the State of West Bengal, a number of healthcare facilities including Super Speciality Hospitals and Medical Colleges and Hospitals have been created in North Bengal region.

ANNEXURE-I

SHORTFALL IN HEALTH FACILITIES AS PER 2011 POPULATION IN INDIA (As on 31 st March, 2018)													
S. No.	State/UT	Sub Centres				PHCs				CHCs			
		R	P	S	% Shortfall	R	P	S	% Shortfall	R	P	S	% Shortfall
1	West Bengal	1308 3	1035 7	2726	21	2153	913	1240	58	538	348	190	35

Notes: The requirement is calculated using the prescribed norms on the basis of rural population form Census, 2011.

R: Required; P: In Position; S: Shortfall

NUMBER OF SUB DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL & DISTRICT HOSPITAL FUNCTIONING			
As on 31 st March 2018			
S.No.	State/UT	Sub Divisional Hospital (SDH)	District Hospitals (DH)
1	West Bengal	36	23

ANNEXURE-II

PHC and Sub Centres in North Bengal region

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of PHCs	No. of Sub Centres
1	Alipurduar	13	236
2	Cooch Behar	29	406
3	Dashshin Dinajpur	18	248
4	Darjiling [GTA]	12	118
5	Darjiling [SMP]	4	63
6	Kalimpong	6	49
7	Jalpaiguri	25	301
8	Maldah	34	511
9	Uttar Dinajpur	19	344
	Total	160	2276

Challenge Method

Cabinet Secretariat has circulated guidelines for selection of site for AIIMS through the "Challenge Method" vide D.O. no. 272/1/3/2016-CA.V dated 20.09.2017. Guidelines recommended by GoS have been finalized in consultation with NITI Aayog who have also consulted the various States/UTs. These guidelines provide a generic framework for adopting the challenge Method in site selection. The guidelines also include an indicative list of sectors and projects wherein the Challenge Method can be adopted. Further, it lays down the process to be followed along with the indicative criteria for evaluation of proposals. Illustrative parameters along with suggested weights have also been suggested. The indicative parameter and weightage for setting up of AIIMS is as follows:

Parameters	Weightage
Early availability of suitable area/land	20
Provision of utilities (Power, water supply, Drainage	15
Gaps in Tertiary Health Care Facilities	15
Financial Contribution by States/Innovation	10
Availability of school/college & medical facilities and employment opportunities for family nearby	10
Connectivity (Road/Rail/Airport)	15
Per capita income & literacy level of State/UT	5
Fast track single window for clearances (including environment & forest)	10
Total	100

ANNEXURE-IV

Project under Phase-I of PMSSY

SL.	STATE	MED. COLLEGE	PHASE	PROJ. CONS	COST OF			BEDS	S. SPEC **	OTHER FACILITIES	STATUS
					CENTRE	STATE	TOTAL				
1	West Bengal	Kolkata Medical College	Phase I	HSCC	100.00	60.73	160.73	235	7	3	Construction completed

Project under Phase-III of PMSSY

Sl.	State	Govt. Med. College	Executing Agency	No. of Beds			MOT	No. of Dept. upgraded	Post Graduate Seats	Date of Start	% Progress of Civil Work
				S.Sp.	ICU	Total					
1	West Bengal	BS Med. Coll., Bankura	CPWD	185	75	260	6	9	27	22.9.16	90
2	West Bengal	Govt. Med. Coll., Malda	CPWD	161	40	201	9	Trauma centre		Dec. 16	94
3	West Bengal	NBMC, Darjeeling	HSCC	166	89	255	8	8	21	2.7.16	62

Project under Phase-IV of PMSSY

- Cabinet approved setting up of AIIMS at Kalyani in West Bengal at the cost of Rs 1754 crore on 07.10.2015
- HSCC(I) appointed as executing agency for the project.
- The work for Comprehensive Planning & Designing of AIIMS has been awarded to M/s Perkins Eastman & M/s Edifice Consultant by HSCC(I) Ltd.
- Masterplan and Concept plan has been finalized.
- Design of OPD and Residential Block and BOQ finalized.
- Construction work in progress:
 - Phase I - OPD Block & Residential Complex: 52.5%
 - Phase II – Hospital and Academic Campus: 31%