

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1037
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026**

NON-FUNCTIONAL VENTILATORS

1037. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the reports that a large number of ventilators supplied during the COVID-19 pandemic at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh are lying non-functional affecting critical care services, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of ventilators supplied, the number currently functional along with the reasons for non-functionality including issues of maintenance and spare parts;
- (c) whether the Trauma Centre at GMCH-32 is facing shortages of technical staff including absence of ventilator technicians, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government Multi-Specialty Hospital (GMSH), Sector 16, is also facing shortages of ventilators and trained staff, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that there is a broader shortage of nursing and paramedical staff across GMCH-32 and GMSH-16, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to fill vacancies and strengthen critical care infrastructure in Chandigarh; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to repair equipment, fill vacancies and strengthen critical care infrastructure in Chandigarh hospitals?

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

(a) to (f): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has assisted the States/UTs from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic by, inter-alia, providing Medical Equipment like PPEs, N-95 Mask, Ventilators free of cost.

The Government of India provided 99 ventilators to the Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Chandigarh, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Against which, 35 ventilators are functional.

Further, Health Department, Chandigarh Administration has reported that GMCH-32 and GMSH-16 have sufficient number of nursing and para-medical staffs. All necessary measures are being taken to ensure timely maintenance and repair of equipment or machines in the hospitals.
