

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2026**

STRENGTHENING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN NORTHERN KERALA

2277. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the availability of specialist doctors, ICU beds and diagnostic facilities in Government hospitals of northern Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of Central assistance released for strengthening district hospitals and medical colleges in Kerala during the last three years;
- (c) whether any proposal has been received by the Union Government for upgrading healthcare facilities in Kasaragod district of the said State; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(a) to (d): Health is a State subject. The primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including upgrading healthcare facilities lies with the respective State/UT Governments. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs, including Kerala, to strengthen the public healthcare system in rural areas based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission. Government of India provides approval for the proposal in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources. Details of the approvals given for upgrading healthcare facilities in Kerala are available at website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the Uniform Resources Locator (URL) as under:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=53&lid=66>

The details of specialist doctors, beds and other facilities etc. available in Government hospitals including Kerala can be accessed at the following link of HDI 2023-24:

<https://www.mohfw-dohfw.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/05/57202cf30629539e4d0fb0a2f700ac62.pdf>

The releases and expenditure under NHM including for Infrastructure Strengthening for the State of Kerala from FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26 are as below:

Central Release and Expenditure under NHM

(Rs. in Cr)

State	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
	Central Release	Expenditure	Central Release	Expenditure	Central Release	Expenditure
Kerala	189.15	1,246.25	1,351.78	1,422.88	813.16	1,743.43

Note:

1. Expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year. Expenditure is as per FMRs submitted by States/UTs and is provisional.
2. The above releases relate to Central Govt. Grants & do not include State share contribution.

With a view to upgrading and strengthening existing Government Medical College, this ministry administers Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Strengthening and up-gradation of Govt. Medical Colleges for Increase of PG seats, under the scheme for the state of Kerala, 193 PG seats with cost of Rs. 68.26 cr. has been approved. The central share is Rs. 45.25 and an amount of Rs. 43.9 cr. has been released till date.
