

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2026**

NON-OPERATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

2162. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

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

- a) whether 108 of the 460 sanctioned beds, around 23 per cent remain non-operational at Community Health Centre, New Town;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the timeline, if any, for making them functional;
- c) whether all 23 sanctioned technician posts across seven official categories including Radiation Oncology, Nuclear Medicine, OT Anesthesiology, CCU post-operative, Emergency and ECG Technicians have zero filled positions and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Operational Theaters, Linear Accelerators, Hot Lab and ITU/HDU are being operated without a single sanctioned technician in position and if so, the details thereof;
- e) whether 50 out of 150 staff nurse posts remain vacant, the post of Nursing Superintendent remains unfilled, both Pharmacist posts are unoccupied and the sole Biomedical Engineer post responsible for maintaining MRI, PET-CT and LINAC equipment have not been filled and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- f) whether the Government is taking any measures to fill these around 102 vacancies out of total 288 posts lying unfilled and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (f): Health is a State subject, and the primary responsibility for establishment, operationalization and management of public health facilities, including ensuring adequate infrastructure, equipment and availability of healthcare personnel, rests primarily with the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. Under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for strengthening public healthcare infrastructure and augmenting human resources based on the proposals submitted by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), which are approved by the Government of India in the form of

Records of Proceedings (RoPs), subject to NHM norms and the availability of resources. .
The approvals for the State of West Bengal are available as per the URL given below:

<https://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=62&lid=75>

To improve health infrastructure and services in public health facilities, Government of India has laid down Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). They provide guidance on the health system components such as infrastructure, human resource, drugs, diagnostics, equipment, quality, and governance requirements for delivering health services at these facilities. They are used as the reference point for public health care infrastructure planning and up-gradation in the States/UTs. The Ministry has developed an open-source toolkit and a web-based dashboard (www.iphs.mohfw.gov.in) launched under IPHS on 28th June 2024 to facilitate self- assessment by all levels of facilities. The IPHS Dashboard is designed to monitor public health facilities' compliance with the IPHS 2022 standards and offers real-time updates, enabling oversight and data-driven decision-making to identify gaps and facilitate timely interventions.
