

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3341
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026**

PENDENCY OF CENTRAL OUTLAYS UNDER NHM

3341. ADV K. FRANCIS GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government has withheld the release of Rs. 616.28 crore due to the State of Kerala under the National Health Mission (NHM) for the financial year 2023–24, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the specific technical criteria, operational compliance parameters or delays in the submission utilisation certificates that have led to the prolonged pendency of these crucial healthcare funds;
- (c) the total amount of Central funds disbursed to the State under the National Health Mission (NHM) during the last three financial years;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations detailing the operational impact of the pending funds on primary health centres, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the timeframe proposed by the Government to clear the verified outstanding dues to avoid disruption to the local health infrastructure crunch?

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

(a) to (e): With the objective of attainment of universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing National Health Mission (NHM). Government provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs including Kerala for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups.

Further, Public Health & Hospitals, is a State subject, hence, the primary responsibility of providing basic health services to all the citizens lies with the respective State/UT Government including Kerala.

Release of funds under NHM is subject to compliance by States/UTs including Kerala of the guidelines prescribed in this regard by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. All the States/UTs execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of India as per framework of National Health Mission (NHM), which mandates compliance by the States of the guidelines issued under NHM as per the Clause 10.3 and 10.10.

The details of Central Release under NHM from the F.Y. 2023-24 to F.Y. 2025-26 to the State of Kerala is given below:

(Rs. in cr.)

Financial Year	Central Release
2023-24	189.15
2024-25	1,351.78
2025-26	813.16
