

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026**

SHORTAGE OF SPECIALIST AND GENERAL PHYSICIANS

†3382. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that patients are unable to receive timely treatment due to an acute shortage of specialists and general physicians at the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Centre;
- (b) whether the hospital lacks multiple basic medical facilities, with patients facing a waiting period of nearly two months for sonography tests, the CT scan machine remaining non-functional for a long time and there being an inadequate supply of other essential medical equipment;
- (c) whether several essential pathological tests, including those for Vitamin D and Vitamin B12, are unavailable at the hospital, along with an irregular supply of various essential medicines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to expeditiously fill the vacant posts of doctors, provide essential medical equipment, make the CT scan machine operational and ensure the regular availability of all essential diagnostic facilities and medicines at the hospital?

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

(a) to (e): Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre (JLNHRC), Bhilai is under the administrative control of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Ministry of Steel. As per the information furnished by SAIL, Ministry of Steel, all patients reporting to Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre (JLNHRC), Bhilai are provided timely treatment according to clinical need and prescribed protocols. The hospital have basic medical facilities and one CT scan machine is operational. Essential medical equipments are maintained

through periodic procurement and replacement at the hospital. Pathological tests, including Vitamin D and Vitamin B12, are currently available in-house at JLNHRC, Bhilai. Adequate stocks of essential medicines are also maintained and regularly replenished at the hospital.

As per the information furnished by SAIL, Ministry of Steel, Specialist doctors are engaged through regular and contractual modes, as required JLNHRC, Bhilai. The availability of diagnostic facilities, medical equipment and essential medicines is regularly monitored and maintained at the hospital.
