

**Need to strengthen primary and digital healthcare services in urban and peri-urban slums in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.-laid**

**SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI (BHUBANESWAR):** I wish to raise the urgent need to strengthen primary and digital health access in the urban and peri-urban slums of Bhubaneswar. Rapid in-migration has expanded informal settlements in areas such as Salia Sahi, Jharpada belt, and Dumduma, where residents rely on seasonal water sources and informal providers. As per NFHS-5 (Odisha), anemia among women (15?49) is 64%, and child stunting remains high in low-income wards. Yet utilisation of eSanjeevani tele-medicine and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) health IDs remains limited; local ASHA and Anganwadi workers report connectivity and awareness gaps. Under Article 21 (Right to Life), Article 47 (public health), and DPSP Article 39(e) (protection of health), scalable service delivery is required. With Union allocations State health outreach through Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, Bhubaneswar can serve as a model. I request that the Government should come forward to establish Urban Health & Wellness Centres in slum clusters linked to AIIMS Bhubaneswar e-consult grids; expand community Wi-Fi health points for eSanjeevani usage; train SHG women as Digital Health Sakhis to generate ABHA IDs; integrate nutritional screening and anemia drives with school mid-day meal supply chains; and pilot heat-health surveillance during peak summer in partnership with ICMR.