

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4644  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/03/2025**

**PROPOSAL FOR AIIMS IN SILIGURI**

**4644. SHRI RAJU BISTA.**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to establish an AIIMS in Siliguri to improve healthcare access for North Bengal, Eastern Bihar, Sikkim and lower Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the proposal, including any feasibility studies conducted and expected timelines for the approval and implementation of the project;
- (c) the estimated budget and infrastructure plans for the proposed AIIMS, including the number of hospital beds, super-speciality departments and medical college seats;
- (d) the manner in which the Government plan to address the acute shortage of healthcare services in North Bengal through this institution, particularly for marginalized communities like tea garden workers and small farmers; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the AIIMS project, if approved, is completed on time, with proper staffing, modern equipment and sustainable operational funding?

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

(a) to (e) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), till date establishment of 22 All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has been approved in various States/UTs in the country including one AIIMS at Kalyani in the State of West Bengal, which is functional. No proposal has been received from the State Government of West Bengal to establish an AIIMS in Siliguri. Further, under another component of PMSSY, upgradation of North Bengal Medical College, Darjeeling, Government Medical College, Malda, Kolkata Medical College, Kolkata and BS Medical College, Bankura, has been undertaken on Centre-State cost sharing basis.

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