

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2982  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTES FOR VIROLOGY**

**2982. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:  
SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BAAIYA):  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up a National Institution for One Health (NIOH) and 4 regional National Institutes for Virology in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to set up critical care hospital blocks in 602 districts and 12 central institutions in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has proposed to set up 15 Health Emergency Operation Centers and two mobile hospitals in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes. It is proposed to set up a Centre for One Health at Nagpur and 4 Zonal Institutes for Virology in North East Zone, North Zone, South Zone and Central Zone under the proposed Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY) Scheme.

(c) to (g): In the Budget speech of FY 21-22, 'Prime Minister Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana' (PMASBY) scheme has been announced for an amount of Rs. 64,180 crores on 1st February, 2021, for an outlay of about Rs. 64,180 Cr over six years (till FY 25-26).

The main interventions under the proposed Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY) scheme to be achieved by FY 25-26 are:

1. Support for 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 High Focus States
2. Establishing 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres in all the States.
3. Setting up of Integrated Public Health Labs in all districts and 3382 Block Public Health Units in 11 High Focus states;
4. Establishing Critical Care Hospital Blocks in 602 districts and 12 Central Institutions;
5. Strengthening of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), its 5 regional branches and 20 metropolitan health surveillance units;
6. Expansion of the Integrated Health Information Portal to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs;
7. Operationalisation of 17 new Public Health Units and strengthening of 33 existing Public Health Units at Points of Entry, that is at 32 Airports, 11 Seaports and 7 land crossings;
8. Setting up of 15 Health Emergency Operation Centres and 2 mobile hospitals; and
9. Setting up of a national institution for One Health, a Regional Research Platform for WHO South East Asia Region, 9 Bio-Safety Level III laboratories and 4 regional National Institutes for Virology.

The measures under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Scheme for the health sector focus on developing capacities of health systems and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels viz. primary, secondary and tertiary and on preparing health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics/disasters.