

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *96
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2026**

SETTING UP OF AIIMS IN KERALA

***96. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in principle approval has been accorded for setting up AIIMS in Kerala in view of the rare viral diseases being reported from the State quite often, if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status and the reasons for delay, indicating the criteria adopted for sanctioning of new AIIMS;
- (b) whether the Government is considering strengthening and upgrading of existing Government medical college hospitals instead of sanctioning a new AIIMS for Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any suggestions about proposed locations for AIIMS from the State, if so, the details thereof alongwith criteria adopted for site selection;
- (d) whether any feasibility study, technical appraisal or inter-ministerial consultation has been undertaken in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering expediting the setting up of AIIMS in the State without any further delay, if so, the steps taken and timeline proposed for approval and implementation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) In-principle approval has not been accorded for setting up of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Kerala. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) aims to correct regional imbalances in the availability of affordable and reliable tertiary healthcare services in different parts of the country and to augment facilities for quality medical education. The broad criteria include inadequacy of tertiary healthcare facilities, adverse health indicators, regional imbalance in tertiary care, shortage of medical colleges/apex referral institutions, State/UT's limited capacity to invest in tertiary healthcare and inadequate private sector participation in medical education and tertiary care.

The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under the Central Sector Component of Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) has approved a state branch of NCDC at Kozhikode, Kerala to strengthen disease surveillance, outbreak investigation, public health laboratory support and epidemic preparedness in the State. This will strengthen the existing healthcare infrastructure and enhance Kerala's capacity to detect and respond to viral disease outbreaks.

(b) For strengthening and upgrading tertiary healthcare facilities in Kerala, under another component of PMSSY, upgradation of three Government Medical Colleges has been approved by way of construction of Super Speciality Blocks (SSBs) on Centre-State cost sharing basis, which have been completed. These include; (i) Trivandrum Medical College, Trivandrum (ii) TD Medical College, Alappuzha and (iii) Kozhikode Medical College, Kozhikode. In addition, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Trivandrum has also been approved for upgradation by way of construction of Super Speciality Block (SSB) on cost sharing basis between Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

(c) to (e) In 2014 and 2016, the State Government of Kerala identified and proposed four sites at following locations for establishment of AIIMS in the State: (i) Kinaloor in Kozhikode district, (ii) Kattakada Taluk in Thiruvananthapuram district, (iii) Kottayam district and (iv) Ernakulam district. In 2025, the State Government of Kerala has informed about identification of land in Kinaloor, Kozhikode district for establishment of AIIMS. However, the proposal for establishment of AIIMS in Kerala has not been approved under the scheme.
