

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.283  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

**DEATHS OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS DUE TO COVID-19**

**283 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:**

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

- (a) the number of doctors ,nurses and other healthcare workers who have succumbed to COVID-19, year-wise since 2020, State-wise
- (b) the number of families of healthcare workers who have died from COVID-19 and availed the insurance scheme "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan"
- (c) the number of these claims which have been processed and how many are pending, year-wise since 2020, State-wise and
- (d) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess shortage of healthcare staff in public or private hospitals post the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare does not maintain occupation wise data on COVID-19 cases and deaths.

However, life insurance benefits are being provided under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP): Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19.

The scheme provides a comprehensive personal accident cover of Rs. 50 lakhs to healthcare providers, including community health workers and private health workers drafted by the Government for COVID19 related responsibilities, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by it. The benefits under the said scheme have been extended for a further period of 180 days (w.e.f. 24.04.2021).

As on 15th July 2021, a total no. of 921doctors and healthcare workers have been paid insurance claim @50 lakh each under the said scheme.

(c): State/UT wise details of claims received, paid, pending under the old and new implementation mechanism of the Scheme are at **Annexure I** and **Annexure II** respectively.

(d): There are 10.14 lakh Allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors available in the country. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:854. Also, there are around 22.72 lakh registered nurses (RN&RM) in the country. Considering their 70% availability, there are around 16 lakh active registered nurses.

Further, in order to augment human resource for Covid management so as to ensure adequate healthcare staff in hospitals, the Central Government after consulting the

National Medical Commission and Indian Nursing Council issued an advisory to the States/UTs on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021 vide which the following was conveyed:

- States/UTs were requested to persuade MBBS passed out doctors preparing for NEET(PG) to join Covid care duties.
- The medical interns may be deployed in Covid Management duties under supervision of their faculty, as part of internship rotation.
- Services of final year MBBS students may be utilized for providing services like tele-consultation and monitoring of mild Covid cases after due orientation by the supervision of faculty.
- The service of final year PG student (both broad & super-specialty) as residents may continue to be utilized fresh batch of PG students have joined. The services of Senior Residents and Registrars may also continue to be utilized.
- B.Sc / GNM qualified nurses may be utilized in full time Covid nursing duties in ICU etc under supervision of Senior doctors and nurses.
- Final year GNM or B.Sc (Nursing) students awaiting final exam may be given full time Covid Nursing duties at Government / private facilities under the supervision of Senior faculty.
- The services of Allied Health Care professional may be utilized for assistance in Covid management based on their training and certification.
- The States / UTs were advised that the NHM norm for contractual human resource engagement by States /UTs may be considered for engaging additional manpower. Flexibility will be available with States to decide on remuneration as in the NHM norms. A suitable honorarium for distinguished Covid service may also be considered.
- Financial incentives shall be available only for those who work for at least 100 days for Covid care.
- All health professionals will be covered under the Insurance Scheme of Government for health workers fighting Covid-19.
- All such professionals who sign up minimum 100-day Covid duty and complete successfully will be given Prime Minister's Distinguished Covid National Service Samman from Government of India.
- The States / UTs have been recommended to consider giving preference in regular Government appointments of health professionals through the respective Public Service Commission for such professionals who complete a minimum of 100 days of Covid related duty.

**State/UT wise summary of claims under PMGKP Insurance scheme (Old Scheme)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Claims Received</b>	<b>Claims Paid</b>	<b>Claims Pending</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	2	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	83	73	1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4	4	0
4	Assam	13	12	0
5	Bihar	39	31	5
6	Chandigarh	3	1	0
7	Chhattisgarh	36	28	1
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1
9	Delhi	37	34	3
10	Gujarat	69	55	2
11	Haryana	15	10	2
12	Himachal Pradesh	3	2	1
13	Jammu & Kashmir	30	23	0
14	Jharkhand	13	7	2
15	Karnataka	129	71	11
16	Kerala	19	15	0
17	Ladakh	1	1	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	57	50	0
19	Maharashtra	182	144	8
20	Manipur	1	1	0
21	Mizoram	2	0	0
22	Odisha	55	12	4
23	Puducherry	11	9	0
24	Punjab	19	19	0
25	Rajasthan	82	64	2
26	Sikkim	3	3	0
27	Tamil Nadu	52	36	0
28	Telangana	47	36	2
29	Tripura	1	1	0
30	Uttar Pradesh	48	42	4
31	Uttarakhand	4	4	1
32	West Bengal	19	16	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>56</b>

**State/UT wise summary of claims under PMGKP Insurance scheme (New Scheme)**

Sr. No.	State/UT	Claims Received	Claims Paid	Claims Pending
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	17	17	1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
4	Assam	2	2	0
5	Bihar	5	5	6
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	12	12	15
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
9	Delhi	4	4	0
10	Goa	4	4	0
11	Gujarat	11	11	21
12	Haryana	7	7	1
13	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	1
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	1
15	Jharkhand	1	1	0
16	Karnataka	0	0	0
17	Kerala	2	2	0
18	Ladakh	0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	7	7	1
20	Maharashtra	0	0	2
21	Manipur	1	1	0
22	Mizoram	0	0	0
23	Odisha	1	1	1
24	Puducherry	4	4	1
25	Punjab	0	0	4
26	Rajasthan	14	14	6
27	Sikkim	0	0	0
28	Tamil Nadu	2	2	0
29	Telangana	17	17	21
30	Tripura	0	0	1
31	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	1
32	Uttarakhand	0	0	0
33	West Bengal	2	2	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>84</b>

Total claims received: 1194

Claims paid: 921

Claims pending: 140