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Three urban primary health centres to be upgraded

Three urban primary health centres (UPHCs) in corporation limits will be upgraded to 30-bedded centres at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore each.

As per the Urban Health Care Delivery Model, one UPHC should be established for a population of 50,000. As per the Census 2011, the population in corporation limit is 8.25 lakh and 16 UPHCs were already functioning in the city limits. Recently, new buildings were established for six centres, while 10 existing centres were renovated.

Under the model, one 30-bedded Upgraded Primary Health Centre can be established for a population of 2.5 lakh.

Based on the Census 2011, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare sanctioned Rs. 4.50 crore for upgrading the existing UPHCs in Kumarasamipatti, Anna Hospital and one in Annathanapatti.

Funds were sanctioned from the National Urban Health Mission and 10 per cent of the cost was released for each centre for initiating the work.

Officials said that the upgraded centre will have adequate facilities where surgeries can be performed. Tender process will be initiated and work will begin soon. Funds will be released by the Centre in each stage, they added.