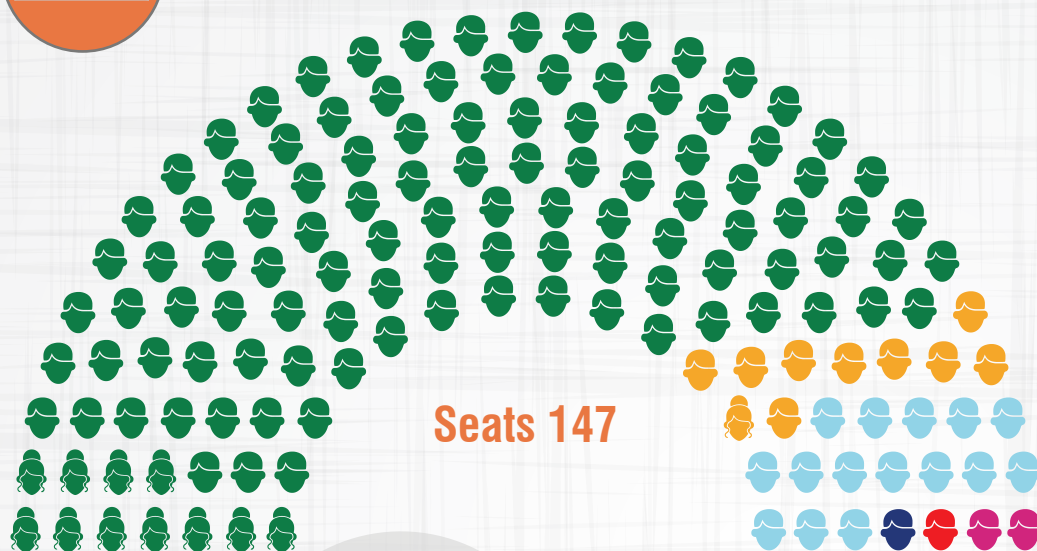# PRIORITIZING HEALTH IN LEGISLATIVE SPACES, ODISHA (2018-19)

This factsheet presents an analysis of **15th Odisha Legislative Assembly** (OLA) and priority given to health in legislative sessions during 2016-18.

## Odisha's 15th Legislative Assembly Membership

**Seats 147**

| | Party | Seats |
|---|---|---|
| ● | Biju Janta Dal | **118** |
| ● | Indian National Congress | **15** |
| ● | Bharatiya Janta Party | **10** |
| ● | Independent | **02** |
| ● | Samata Kranti Dal | **01** |
| ● | Communist Party of India (Marxist) | **01** |

### Women in OLA

Only **8.2%** of seats in OLA are held by women.

**11** (9.3%) Biju Janta Dal

**1** (10.0%) Bharatiya Janta Party

### Social groups in OLA

**17.0%** SC
**23.8%** ST
**59.2%** General
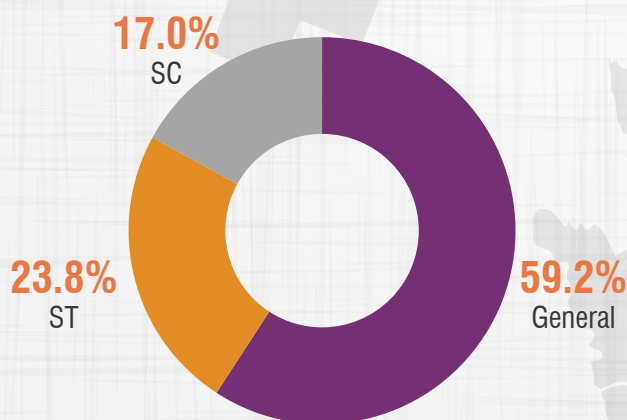
| Political Party | General | SC | ST |
|---|---|---|---|
| BJD | 59.3% | 19.5% | 21.2% |
| BJP | 70.0% | 10.0% | 20.0% |
| Congress | 53.3% | 6.7% | 40.0% |
| Independent | 100.0 | - | - |
| CPI (M) | - | - | 100.0% |
| SKD | - | - | 100.0% |

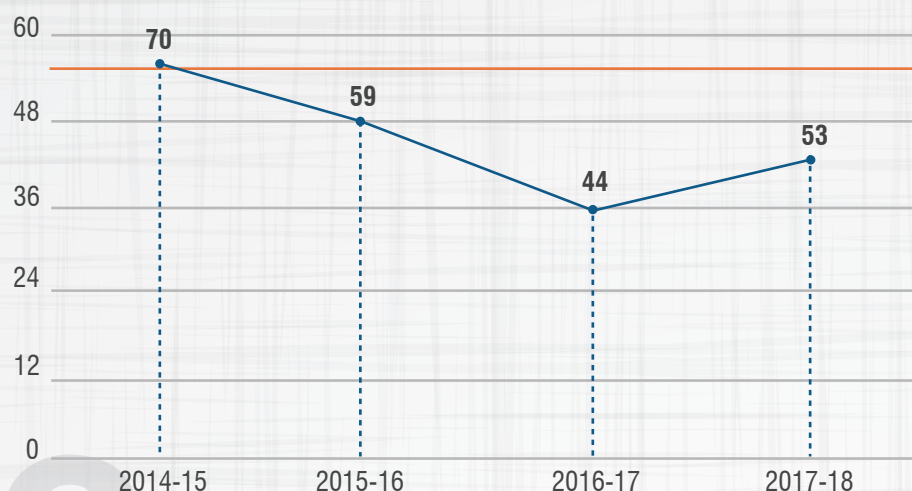| | General | SC | ST |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **6** (8.5%) | **4** (17.4%) | **1** (4.0%) |
| | **1** (14.3%) | | |

## Duration of assembly sittings



On an average, the 15th assembly sat for **57** days per year during 2014-2018.

For 2018-19, assembly was in session for 18 days.
Budget session is due in February, 2019.

## Health related questions & issues in OLA during the project period

| Issues | Number of questions in different sessions | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 7th* | 11th | 12th | 13th |
| Woman/ Child Related | 21 | 22 | 45 | 1 |
| Health Department Employee Related | 6 | 21 | 40 | 16 |
| Doctor Vacancy | 18 | 39 | 58 | 40 |
| Government Policy/ Schemes | 19 | 37 | 61 | 18 |
| Diseases Related | 9 | 6 | 18 | 5 |
| Medical Educations | 8 | 24 | 55 | 4 |
| Hospital Infrastructures | 8 | 67 | 68 | 75 |
| Total | 89 | 216 | 345 | 159 |

There has been a **significant increase** in number of health related questions in recent sessions compared to base session (7th session).

In 13th session number of questions reduced by more than half compared to 12th session.

*Base session



Non Health Issues   Health Issues

## Compared to other states on Mortality Indicators, Odisha ranks

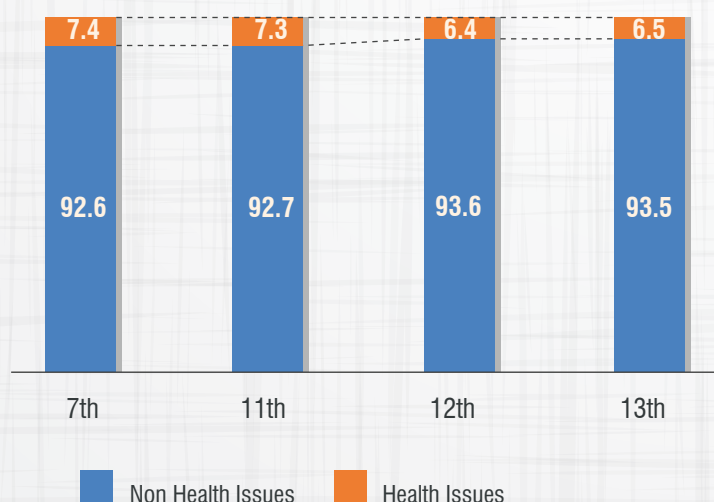**Highest** in Neonatal mortality[1]

**2nd** highest in Infant mortality[1]

**3rd** highest in Under-five mortality[1]

**3rd** highest in Malaria deaths[2]

**5th** highest in Maternal mortality[3]

**11th** highest in annual TB notification rate[4]

**Yet**, health related question account for only **6.5%** of the total questions raised in the assembly.
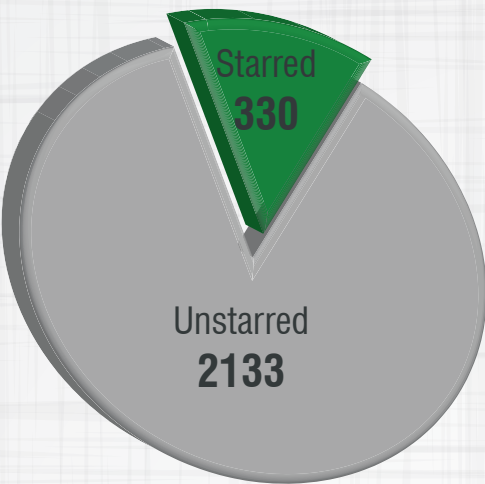
[1] Sample Registration System (SRS), 2016
[2] National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), 2017
[3] Sample Registration System (SRS Bulltetin), 2014-16
[4] India TB Report 2018, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), (Data for 2017)

# Questions by MLAs in 13th session

Starred
330

Unstarred
2133

Out of **2463** Questions

only **159** (6.5%) questions were asked on health

Only **45 MLAs** asked questions related to health

**02 female** MLAs asked
**07** questions on health

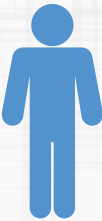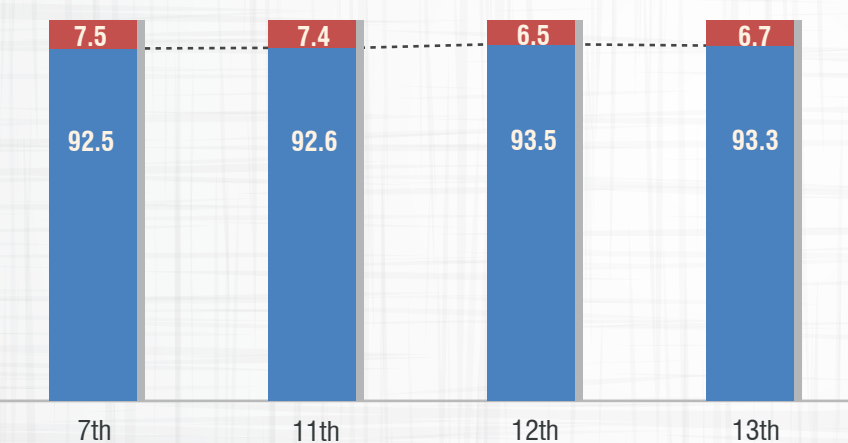**43 male** MLAs asked
**152** questions on health

**Starred**[5] Questions **17** **(5.2%)** **Unstarred**[6] questions **142** **(6.7%)**

**02** female MLAs asked
**01** starred question
and **06** unstarred questions

**43** male MLAs asked
**16** starred question
and **136** unstarred questions

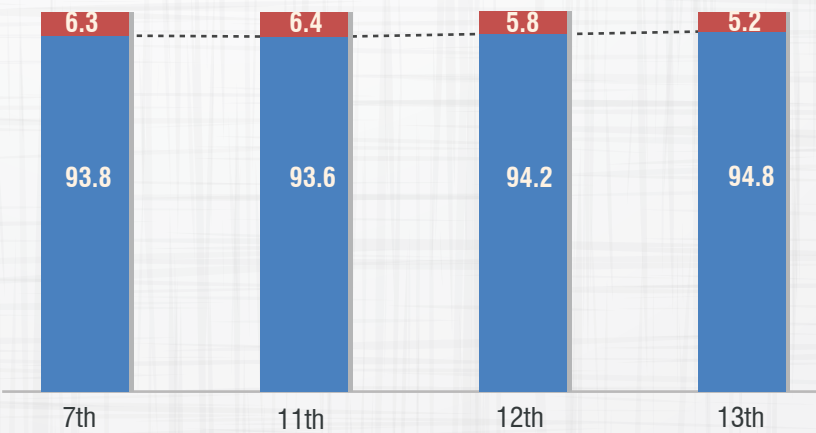| | 7th | 11th | 12th | 13th |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| % health | 7.5 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| % non-health | 92.5 | 92.6 | 93.5 | 93.3 |

While there was an **increase** in unstarred question on health compared to 12th session,

priority to health has **decreased** compared to base period (7th Session)

■ % of unstarred questions asked related to health issues

■ % of unstarred questions asked related to non-health issues

## Health received less priority
in starred question compared to base period (7th Session)

■ % of starred questions asked related to health issues

■ % of starred questions asked related to non-health issues

| | 7th | 11th | 12th | 13th |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| % health | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| % non-health | 93.8 | 93.6 | 94.2 | 94.8 |

[5] Starred: Questions to which answers are desired to be given orally on the floor of the House during the Question Hour. These are distinguished in the printed lists by asterisks. 15 such questions are listed each day.

[6] Unstarred: Questions to which written answers are given by Ministers which are deemed to have been laid on the Table of the House at the end of the Question Hour. Upto 160 such questions are listed each day in a separate list.

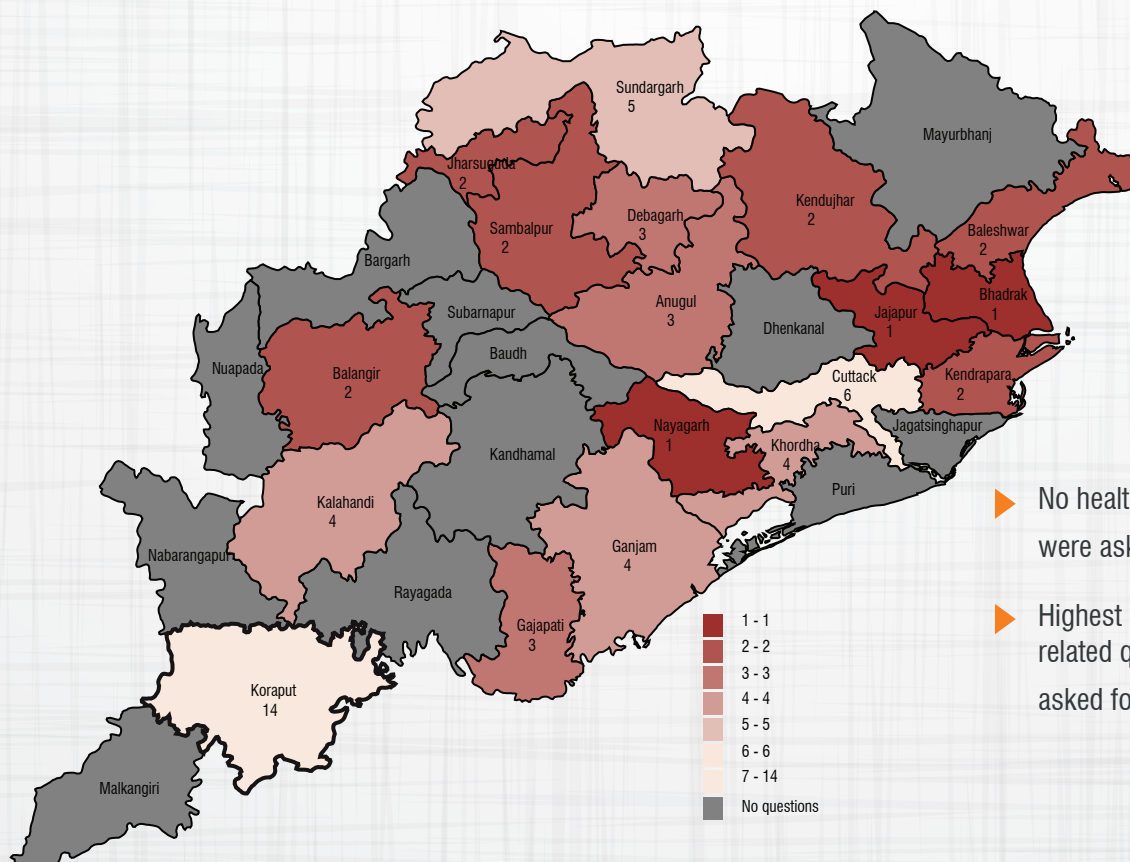Hospital infrastructure alone accounted for **48%** of health related questions.

Questions related to women and child has significantly reduced from **23.6%** in 7th session to **0.6%** in 13th session.

■ 7th  ■ 13th

| | 7th | 13th |
|---|---|---|
| Woman / Child Related | 23.6 | 0.6 ↓ |
| Medical Educations | 9.0 | 2.5 ↓ |
| Diseases Related | 10.1 | 3.1 ↓ |
| Health Department Employee Related | 6.7 | 10.1 ↑ |
| Government Policy/ Schemes | 21.3 | 11.3 ↓ |
| Doctor Vacancy | 20.2 | 25.2 ↑ |
| Hospital Infrastructures | 9.0 | 47.2 ↑ |

| | 7th | 11th | 12th | 13th |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Constituency | 40.7 | 27.3 | 29.9 | 15.7 |
| District | 14.1 | 25.5 | 27.5 | 38.4 |
| State | 45.2 | 47.2 | 42.6 | 45.9 |

■ State  ■ District  ■ Constituency
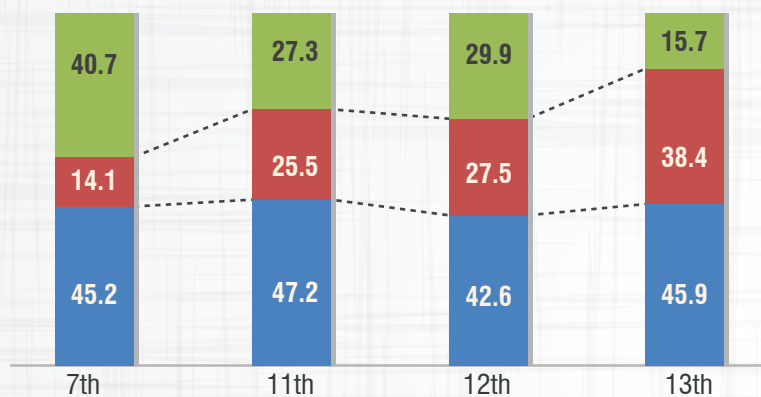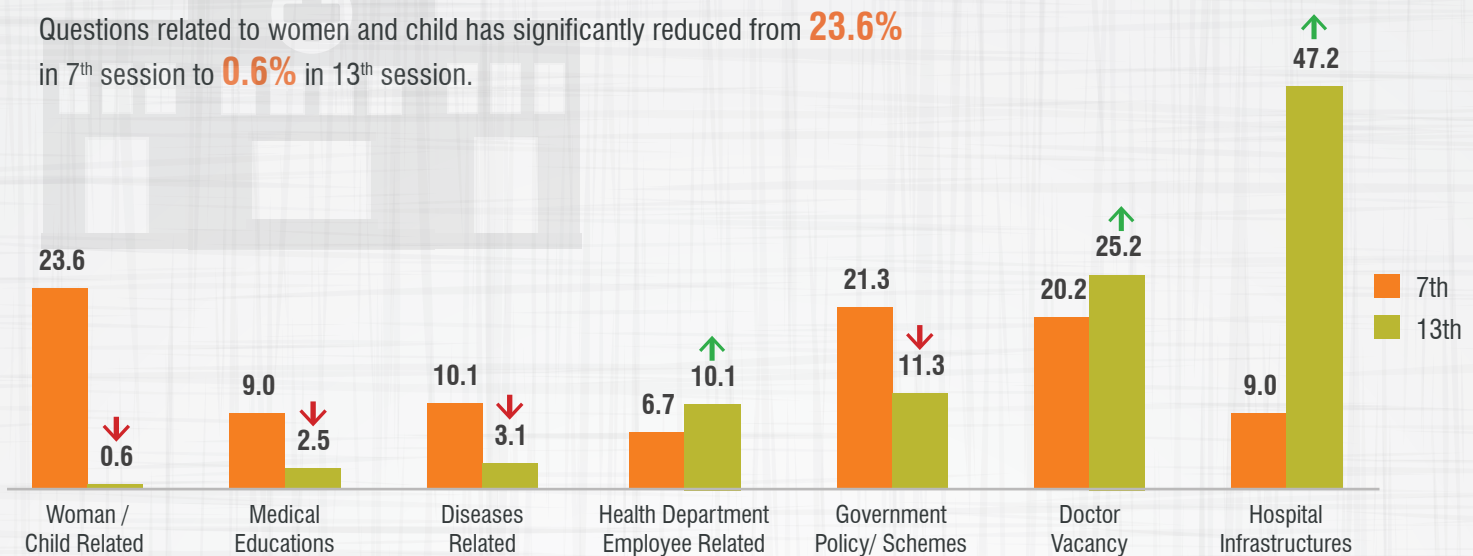
▶ District level questions on health issues has **increased** significantly over base period (7th session).

▶ Constituency level questions have **decreased**.

# Questions asked at the district level in the 13th Session

Sundargarh 5
Mayurbhanj
Jharsuguda 2
Sambalpur 2
Debagarh 3
Kendujhar 2
Baleshwar 2
Bargarh
Subarnapur
Anugul 3
Dhenkanal
Jajapur 1
Bhadrak 1
Nuapada
Balangir 2
Baudh
Cuttack 6
Kendrapara 2
Jagatsinghapur
Kandhamal
Nayagarh 1
Khordha 4
Kalahandi 4
Puri
Nabarangapur
Ganjam 4
Rayagada
Gajapati 3
Koraput 14
Malkangiri

Legend:
1 - 1
2 - 2
3 - 3
4 - 4
5 - 5
6 - 6
7 - 14
No questions

▶ No health related questions were asked for **12** districts.

▶ Highest number of health related questions (15) were asked for **Koraput**.