

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF HAND PUMP WATER IN PHCS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) for UNICEF in 43 districts from 14 States in the country, only 1/4th of the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) have tap water in their premises as reported in The Times of India dated September 18, 2006.;
- (b) if so, the facts reported therein;
- (c) whether hand pump water is used in most of PHCs for medical procedure;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has inquired into the deplorable condition of the PHCs in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure basic facilities in PHCs throughout the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (g) As per the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 43 districts of the country, 26.3% Primary Health Centres(PHCs) have exclusive tap water source. 17.5% PHCs, as per the survey has private hand pump and 32.6% has public hand pump as the source of water.Out of 23236 PHCs in the country as on September, 2005 only 16023 are functioning from the Govt. buildings Keeping in view the poor conditions of the health facilities, Government has launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under which upgradation of facilities, support to infrastructure supplementary manpower etc. have been taken up. Under the National Rural Health Mission(NRHM), an amount of Rs.25,000/- per PHC has been approved as untied fund for local health action. Also, Annual Maintenance Grant @ Rs.50,000/- per PHC has been approved for maintenance and improvement of physical infrastructure of PHCs. Also, for upgradation of PHCs to Indian Public Health Standards(IPHS), the funds are being provided as per State Governments Annual Project Implementation Plan under NRHM.