

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

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PRIMARY HEALTH FACILITIES

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

- (a) the number of villages where Primary Health Care facilities are not available even today and the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of Health Sub-Centres which are functioning without any building and other facilities, State-wise;
- (c) the schemes under which assistance is being provided for setting up of Primary Health Centres and constructing buildings for them alongwith the details of the assistance provided for them during the last three years;
- (d) whether medical facility is non-existent in tribal and backward areas due to lack of accommodation for para-medical staff;
- (e) if so, whether cases of malnutrition and spreading up of epidemics are rampant in the said areas; and
- (f) if so, the details of the assistance likely to be provided to the States for its prevention?

Answer

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

(a) On the average, four villages are covered by a Sub-centre as per the population norms of 5000 for plain and 3000 for tribal/hilly/desert areas. There is a shortage of 20903 Sub- in the country as against the requirement of 158792 and availability of 144988 Sub-centres as per 2001 population in India as on March 2006. State wise number of Sub-centres is at Annexure I.

(b) As against 144988 sub-centres functioning, information about availability of building position is available only in respect of 144171 sub-centres, as on March, 2006. 69920 sub- centres are in Govt. Buildings. 57477 are in rented buildings and remaining 16774 are in rent free buildings. Considering 5414 buildings under construction, there is a requirement of 68848 more buildings (ignoring 11 surplus buildings being constructed). State wise break up is at Annexure II. The number of Sub-centres without regular water and electric supply and without all weather motorable approach road is at Annexure III.

(c) As against the Xth Plan target for setting up 1714 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), 213 PHCs have been set up in the country. Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the PHCs are being strengthened to provide 24x7 medical services facility. During 2006-07, all the PHCs in the country have been provided with an amount of Rs.25,000/- per PHC as untied fund for meeting their local health needs and Rs.50,000/- per PHC as Annual Maintenance Grant for improvement and maintenance of physical infrastructure. The funds are provided for the construction of buildings of PHCs, as per the requirement of the States projected in their Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) under NRHM.

(d) The number of Sub-centres with residential quarters for ANMs and those with ANMs living in Sub-centre quarters as on March 2006 varies on a wide scale from State to State. State-wise statement is at Annexure IV.

(e) to (f) Generally areas with poor health infrastructure are also the one poor health indicators. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched with a view to improve the public delivery system to enhance the health status of people living in rural areas. NRHM also envisages convergence of health programmes with programmes for improving nutrition, sanitation, drinking water etc. A total sum of Rs.6047.39 crore have been allotted to the States for undertaking various activities under NRHM.