

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

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MEDICAL FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme for providing proper medical facilities to all individuals in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) The medical facilities in rural areas are provided through three-tier Primary Health Care system viz. Sub-centre, Primary Health Centre, and Community Health Centre.

(b) & (c) A Sub-centre is the most peripheral contact point between Primary Health Care System and Community and is set up on a population norms of 3000-5000. Primary Health Centre (PHC) is a 4-6 bedded Health Centre and is a referral unit for 6 Sub-centres, manned with a Medical Officer In-charge and 14 subordinate Para Medical and other staff. Community Health Centre (CHC) is a 30-bedded rural hospital with specialized services and serves as a special unit for 4 PHCs. There are 145980 Sub-centres, 22926 Primary Health Centres and 3106 Community Health Centres functioning in the country.