GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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MULTI SPECIALITY HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the multi speciality hospitals and health facilities are available in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to construct multi speciality hospitals in rural areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken or proposed by the Government to reduce the dependency of rural people on the urban hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) to (c): The State-Wise list of Sub Centres[SCs], Primary Health Centres [PHCs] and Community Health Centres[CHCs] functioning as on March, 2008 across the country is annexed. There is however, no Central Government Multi Speciality Hospital available in rural areas.
- (d): No.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.
- (f) The primary health care services in rural areas are well connected with District Hospitals and Multispeciality Hospitals through referral system. Under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM], funds are provided to State/UTs to strengthen their health infrastructure, improve the availability of human resource and improve the service delivery. NRHM gives special focus to 18 States including eight NE States, which have weak public health indicators and/or weak infrastructure. State/UT Government access their requirement for upgradation of existing infrastructure and establishment of new health centres etc and incorporate the same under their annual Programme Implementation Plan[PIPs]. Funds are released to all States/UT Governments as per the approval of National Programme Coordination Committee[NPCC] for utilization.