

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of child health centres working in various States, particularly in backward regions during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the preventive measures taken by these centres to protect children from new diseases;
- (c) whether the medicines are available in adequate quantity in all such centres;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open such new more centres in the States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) Services for Child Health are provided through district Hospitals, Community Health Centre (CHC), Primary Health Centre (PHC) and Sub Centre (SC). National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) seeks to strengthen these facilities for providing accessible and affordable health care services to the rural masses. Under NRHM and Reproductive Child Health (RCH) II, States are setting up Special New Born Care Units (SNCU) at District Hospitals, Child Stabilization Units at Community Health Centres (CHC)/First referral Units (FRU) and New Born Care Corners at Primary Health Centres (PHC). The current status of SNCUs in different States is given at Annexure.

(b) The SNUC provides services for the new born or child requiring special care e.g. care for a newborn sepsis /child suffering from pneumonia, dehydration. It also provides care at birth services like prevention of hypothermia, prevention of infection and management of low birth weight.

(c) & (d) Adequate medicines for child care services are made available at all health centre's i.e. CHCs/PHCs and Sub-centre's (SC) under the NRHM/RCH II programme.(e) & (f) The States are supported under NRHM/RCH II to establish these Special Newborn Care Units, Child Stabilization Units and New Born Care Corners according to their needs and as projected in their Annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIP).