

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

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STRENGTHENING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are being strengthened under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the PHCs of single doctor are being upgraded with two doctors by posting one AYUSH practitioners;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of PHCs upgraded in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): yes.

(b): Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are provided to State/UTs to upgrade their primary health care system including strengthening of Primary Health Centres (PHCs). The State/UT Governments project the demands including for strengthening of PHCs, in their respective annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). These PIPs are examined in this Ministry and funds are released to them as per the recommendations of the National programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) for utilization. Besides, an amount of Rs. 25,000/-, Rs.50,000/- & Rs.1,00,000/ is granted as Untied Fund, Annual Maintenance Grant and Rogi Kalyan Samiti Fund respectively for each PHC incorporated by State/UT in their annual PIP under NRHM.

(c) & (d): Yes. NRHM also envisages co-location and mainstreaming of AYUSH. Respective State/UT Governments appoint AYUSH doctors on contract to provide choice to people as also to meet the need of doctors to manage National Health Programmes at PHCs.

(e): A total of 8324 PHCs are functioning on 24 X 7 basis across the country as per State Data Sheet updated upto 31/01/2010.