

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

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MEDICAL SERVICES IN PHCS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) with 24 hour medical services operating in the rural areas all over the country under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), State-wise/UT-wise including Bihar; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of such centres in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the information received from State/UT Governments, a statement showing the number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functioning as 24 X 7 in rural areas across the country including Bihar as on 31-1-2010 is annexed.
- (b) The Government of India has launched the National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] in 2005 to support all State/UT Governments to rejuvenate the public health system with a goal to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality health services to the remotest and rural regions. Under the Mission, funds are provided to State/UTs, as per their priorities, to strengthen their health infrastructure, improve the availability of human resource and improve the service delivery at primary health care level including PHCs. 'Health' being the 'State' subject, the implementation of the policies at the ground level is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Governments.