

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

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Rural Health Centres and hospitals in the country particularly to serve the poor people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide health facilities to all citizens of the country;
- (d) if so, the details of such schemes;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open more Rural Health Centres in the country to meet the growing need; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) to (b): Yes. A statement showing the shortfall of health centres across the country as per the Bulletin on rural Health statistics, as on March, 2008 is annexed .
- (c) to (f): Yes. The health centers are opened on population norms, case/work load and distance.State/UT Governments project their demand for upgradation of existing health centres and for opening new health centres in their respective 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].