

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

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HEALTH CARE UNITS AT THE GRASS ROOT LEVEL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the policies of the Government of India as well as WHO on provision of health care at the grass root level;
- (b) the number of health care units and the number of staff working in these units at the grass root level;
- (c) the details of awareness campaign programmes organized during the year 2009-10, in the tribal inhabited areas; and
- (d) the results derived from these programmes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) To provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, government has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Health care at the grass root is provided through a network of Sub-Centers (SC), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs). As per the information available in Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India, 2009 there is a network of 145894 Sub-Centres[SCs], 23391 Primary Health Centres[PHCs] and 4510 Community Health Centres[CHCs] in the rural areas of the country as on March 2009. There are 190919 Health Worker[F]/ANMs at SCs and PHCs, 57439 Health Worker[M] at SCs, 18168 Health Assistants[F]/LHVs at PHCs, 16083 Health Assistant[M] at PHCs, 23982 Doctors at PHCs, 5789 Specialists at CHCs, 6192 GDMOs at CHCs, 1867 Radiographers at CHCs, 20967 Pharmacists at PHCs & CHCs, 12904 Lab. Technicians at PHCs & CHCs and 56975 Nurse Midwife/Staff Nurse at PHCs & CHCs

(c) & (d) : During the year 2009-10, several awareness campaigns/ programmes were organized in the country including tribal inhabited areas which interalia include broad casting of various spots on NRHM, Panel Discussions on NRHM, interviews of Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Secretary Health & Family Welfare at All India Radio, other radio channels and Doordarshan.

All State/UT Governments assess and project their requirement for IEC activities in their Annual Programme Implementation Plan(PIP). Funds are released to State/UT Governments as per the approval of National Programme Coordination Committee [NPCC] based on which the State/UT Government design and run their own awareness generation programmes in their respective States/UTs including tribal areas.