

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

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SURVEY ON HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and industry (FICCI) and HOSMAC have conducted joint survey of healthcare facilities in India and abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether as per the survey the country's healthcare system fails miserably in almost all parameters when compared to some developed and developing countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government to meet the international standards in health services in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (d): Yes. Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) & HOSMAC India Private Limited has conducted a study comparing seven countries India, Singapore, Brazil, United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA), United Arab Emirates (UAE) and China on five parameters i.e. healthcare infrastructure, healthcare education, human resources, health insurance and medical equipment.

The study has reported that among the seven countries studied, India falls behind all the others in the number of hospital beds per thousand population and the number of doctors per thousand population. India ranks fifth in the category of number of nurses per thousand population followed by China and United Kingdom and ranks fourth in categories of average number of doctors and nurses per bed.

(e) Considering the need for improving the healthcare system in rural areas of the country, Government of India has launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the year 2005 with an aim to provide accessible affordable quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable sections. Over the five years period of NRHM, substantial improvement has been made in health infrastructure and manpower. 9144 new Health sub centre buildings, up-gradation of 8997 sub-center buildings, 1009 new PHC buildings, up-gradation of 2081 PHC buildings, 435 new CHC buildings and up-gradation of 1255 CHC buildings, 57 new District Hospitals and up-gradation of 387 District Hospitals have been taken up.

During the period 2005-10, 8624 MBBS Doctors, 2460 specialists, 46660 ANMs, 26793 Staff nurses, 7692 AYUSH doctors, and 3143 AYUSH paramedics have been added to the system under NRHM.