

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

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MODERNISATION OF HOSPITALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was a proposal to mainstream, reorganise, restructure and integrate all hospitals into the three tier rural primary health care system to serve the population;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter;
- (c) whether the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans Documents also stretched need to mainstream, reorganise, restructure and integrate all hospitals into the three tier rural primary health care system to serve the population;
- (d) if so, the facts of the matter;
- (e) whether the recommendations of the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Plans were implemented in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government of India to cope with the growing population/changing needs for health care?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f) The health care infrastructure in rural areas is organized into three tier system of Sub-Centres(SCs), Primary Health Centre(PHCs) and Community Health centre(CHCs). This system has been in existence during Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans.

(g) 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 and 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. Construction of 9144 new Health sub centre buildings, up-gradation of 8997 sub-center buildings, construction of 1009 new PHC buildings, up-gradation of 2081 PHC buildings, construction of 435 new CHC buildings and up-gradation of 1255 CHC buildings, construction of 57 new District Hospitals and up-gradation of 387 District Hospitals have been taken up. Further, during the period 2005 to 2010, 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.