

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

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SETTING UP OF FIRST REFERRAL UNITS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up First Referral Units in the country under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) whether such Referral Units are also equipped with blood storage facilities;
- (d) if so, the number of Referral Units equipped with blood storage facilities, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the rest of the Referral Units are likely to be equipped with blood storage facilities?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are provided to the State/UT Governments for up-gradation and operationalization of the District Hospital (DH)/Sub-District Hospital (SDH)/ Community Health Centers (CHCs) etc. as First Referral Units (FRUs) for providing comprehensive services for emergency obstetric and newborn care, in addition to other emergencies. Three essential determinants critical of a facility being declared as an FRU i.e. availability of caesarean sections, new-born care and blood storage facility on a 24-hour basis have been conveyed to the states. Under [NRHM], the State Governments prioritise their requirements including setting up of FRUs and incorporate them in their annual Programme Implementation Plans [PIPs]. The PIP is examined in this Ministry and funds are released to the State as per the approval of National Programme Coordination Committee [NPCC] for actual implementation of the programme. A statement showing the number of FRUs state wise at various levels as per the information available in Rural Health Statistics in India 2009 is at Annexure `A`

(c) to (d) : As per the information available in the District Level Household and Facility Survey 2007-08 (DLHS-3). a statement showing state wise percentage of CHCs designated as FRUs having blood storage facility is at Annexure `B`

(e) The proposals for equipping FRUs with blood storage facility are received in the annual PIPs submitted by the State /UTs Government and accordingly funds are approved by the National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC).