

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

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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of primary health care system operating in the country;
- (b) the action taken to improve the primary health care system for bringing it upto international standards;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce health care financing system in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The primary health care services in rural areas are provided through a network of 145272 Sub-centres, 22370 Primary Health Centres and 4045 Community Health Centres as on March 2007.

(b) National Rural Health Mission[NRHM] launched in the country in April 2005,is steering state led reforms on health care system in the Country. Further to improve quality in the health care facilities and service delivery system, the Indian Public Health Standards[IPHS] have been framed.

(c) & (d): The existing public health care financing system is being strengthened with the launch of NRHM through enhanced budgetary allocations. The funds requirement is also met through Public Private Partnership[PPP] and insurance mechanism wherever it exists.