

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open at least one primary health centre at Panchayat level under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Rural Health Centres (RHCs)/Community Health Centres (CHCs)/ Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/ Sub-Centres functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether such centres are sufficient to cater to the need of the masses; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No. A Primary Health Centre[PHC] is provided on the population norm of 1 per 30,000 population in general/plain areas and 1 per 20,000 in tribal/ hilly/desert areas.
- (c) A state-wise statement showing the number of Sub-Centres, [SCs], Primary Health Centres[PHCs] and Community Health Centres[CHCs] functioning in the country as per the Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India, 2009 is Annexed.
- (d) & (e): The health centres are established on population norms, case/work load and distance. State/UT Government project their demand for establishing/ upgradation of Health centres in their respective Annual Programme Implementaion Plan under NRHM. These PIPs are examined in this Ministry and activities are taken as per approval accorded by Government of India.