

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SOCIAL SAFETY NET SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) under the social safety net scheme that are currently operational, State-wise;
- (b) the amount of funds sanctioned to the PHCs by the Government and the World Bank in the last five years and the amount utilised;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has conducted an evolution study of the project;
- (d) if so, the details of the finding; and
- (e) the fresh steps taken by the Government to reform the functioning of the PHCs?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India 2009, 23391 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are functioning across the country as on March 2009. The number of PHCs State-wise is at Annexure A.

(b) A statement showing the funds allocated, released and expenditure made under Mission Flexiblepool component of National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] for the financial year 2005-06 to 2010-11 by all States/UT Governments for various activities including for establishment of PHCs is at Annexure B .

(c) & (d) A study of NRHM has been done by Ms. Kavery Gill for the Planning Commission .

# The study was based on the sample study of few institutions in Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar.

# The study indicates uneven progress in the States, different States perform differently on different parameters.

# NRHM institutional arrangements are in place

# Confidence to spend is taking time in some places

# NRHM has created hope for rural infrastructure in health.

(e): PHCs are also provided annual maintenance grant and untied funds in order to make them functionally better. Many PHCs have been made functional 24 X 7 to provide round the clock services. New born baby care units has been established in the PHCs for better new born care.

NRHM stipulates constitution of a Patient Welfare Committee or Rogi Kalyan Samiti for each PHC with the mandate to undertake, monitor and supervise the work to be under taken from Annual Maintenance Grant, Untied Funds etc.