

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to put in place a strong and affordable health care delivery system, particularly in the two important areas of primary and preventive health care;
- (b) if so, the funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose during the last three years State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes. To put in place a strong and affordable health care delivery system, government launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in April 2005. Over the period from 2005 to 2010, primary health care system in the country has been strengthened by construction of 9144 new Health Sub-Centre buildings, 1009 new Primary Health Centres (PHC) and 435 new Community Health Centres (CHC), as well as through upgradation of 8997 Sub-Centres, 2081 PHCs and 1255 CHC buildings.

Human resources have also been augmented by addition of nearly 8284 MBBS Doctors, 1572 Specialists, 9578 AYUSH Doctors, 26734 Staff Nurses, 53552 ANMs and 18272 Paramedics under NRHM on contractual basis. Financial assistance has also been provided to States for training, procurement of drugs and equipments and strengthening the health care delivery system.

For preventive healthcare, 4.98 lakhs Village Health & sanitation committees (VHS&C) have been constituted in the country to create awareness on health issues including sanitation. Nearly, 2.36 crore Village Health & Nutrition Days have been organized over the period of five years across the country. Over 8 lakhs Accredited Social Health Workers (ASHAs) have been placed across the States for creating awareness on health and its social determinants and for mobilizing the community towards local health planning and increased utilisation of existing health care services. Health melas are organised to create awareness on health. Financial assistance is provided to States through their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for IEC/BCC activities which also address the preventive health care.

The States-wise allocation release and expenditure of funds under NRHM including that of Andhra Pradesh is at Annexure.