

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

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

- (a) whether most of the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the country particularly in rural areas are either closed down or not functioning properly;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and their numbers under Union and State Government separately; and
- (c) the appropriate steps taken by the Union Government for ensuring effective functioning of these health centres alongwith the action plan of the Government for providing better health care facilities in the country particularly in rural areas of Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) & (b) No. As per the Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India, updated upto March, 2010, there are a total of 23673 PHCs functioning across the country.
- (c) Health being a State subject, the responsibility of proper functioning of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) is on respective State/UT Governments. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) all State/UT Governments including Government of Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand incorporate their requirements for providing better health care facilities in their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs) as per their felt needs and priorities and based on approval accorded by Government of India, they are taken up for implementation by States.