

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any scheme for rural areas under which arrangement for doctors night stay at health centres could be made so that patients are provided proper treatment and medicines at night;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] has been launched in 2005 to support State/UT Governments to rejuvenate the public health system to provide quality and affordable health care to rural population. Health being a state subject, the health centres are operationalised, upgraded and strengthened for providing better medical facilities by respective State/UT Governments. All State/UT Governments incorporate their requirements in their annual Programme Implementation Plan[PIPs] under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM] as per their felt needs for operationalising these centres on 24 X 7 basis. Based on approval accorded by Government of India, they are taken up for implementation. As per the information available, as on 31-3-2011, a total of 9107 PHCs and 4531 CHCs are functional on 24 X 7 basis. A total of 2891 First Referral Units at the level of District Hospital, Sub Divisional Hospitals and CHCs are also functional to provide round-the-clock services for Emergency Obstetric and New Born Care, in addition to all emergencies that any hospital is required to provide.