

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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HEALTH CARE OF TRIBAL WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the physical statistics rate of accessibility of tribal women to the facilities of Primary Health Care in the country after the implementation of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the schemes and programmes undertaken to raise the health status of Scheduled Tribes and plan outlays of those schemes programmes and fund utilisation thereunder during the above said period, State-wise and year-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): NRHM was launched in the year 2005 with an aim to improve the accessibility of healthcare institutions in rural areas including tribal areas. The programmes under the Mission include Reproductive & Child Health Programme which focuses on health issues pertaining to women including tribal women. The following interventions have been made under the Mission to strengthen the health care system in the country including tribal areas.

1. 264 backward districts including tribal districts have been identified on the basis of SC/ST population, left wing extremism and low health profile etc for focused monitoring.
2. Engaging one ASHA for 1000 population. The norms have been relaxed to one ASHA per habitation in tribal and hilly districts.
3. There are 26643 Sub Centres, 3742 PHCs and 802 CHCs operational in the country covering the tribal population. The State-wise details are at Annexure – I.
4. States are provided with Mobile Medical Units and Emergency Referral Transport System to improve the accessibility.
5. A new initiative, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) recently launched under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) entitles all pregnant women accessing public health institutions, completely free and cashless deliveries including free medicine with zero out of pocket expenses.
6. Promotion of institutional delivery through Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) by providing cash assistance to pregnant women especially those who belong to Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and BPL category.
7. A statement showing State-wise fund allocation release and its utilization for the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.