

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

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SETTING UP NEO NATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNITS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up neo-natal intensive care units in rural areas of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRISUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): Yes. Facility Based Newborn Care is an important strategy to reduce neonatal mortality under the Reproductive and Child Health programme (RCH II) of the National Rural Health Mission. It is proposed to establish Special New Born Care Units (SNCUs) in every district hospital of the country. At present, there are 293 SNCUs operational in the country. State-wise details are annexed. Under NRHM funds are allocated to the States for setting up SNCUs.