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BASIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether more than 50 per cent children under the age of 5 years in the country live without the basic healthcare facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ensure basic healthcare facilities to children in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): Basic health care facilities in the country are provided through the sub centres /Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/ Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs). These facilities are augmented/improved under the National Rural Health Mission which was launched in 2005 to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality health services even to the poorest households in the remotest rural regions. Specific official data regarding children under the age of 5 years in the country living without basic health care facilities is not available.

(c) & (d): The Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH) II under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), comprehensively integrates various interventions meant to improve child health and addresses factors contributing to mortality and morbidity amongst children.

The various components of child health care which help to reduce child morbidity and mortality include, essential newborn care, immunization, early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections, Diarrhoea and other infections, Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI), Pre-Service IMNCI Facility Based New Born Care, Management of malnourished children, immunization, Infant and Young Child Feeding, Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation.