

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:370  
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RURAL HEALTH CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Rural Health Centres (RHCs) across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of such RHCs functioning with a qualified Medical Officer;
- (c) whether a number of RHCs has become defunct;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to rejuvenate such defunct RHCs;
- (f) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and
- (g) if not, the other alternative health care services the Government proposes to provide to those rural people?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): A State-wise statement showing total number of Sub Centres[SC], Primary Health Centres[PHC] and Community Health Centres[CHC] functioning in the country as on March, 2008 is at Annexure I.
- (b) Qualified Medical officer is provided for PHCs and CHCs only. As per information available, a total of 24375 doctors are in position at PHCs and a total of 4279 specialists are in position at CHCs against regular posts in different States/UTs as on March, 2008 .In addition as on 31-8-2009, 2344 specialists at CHCs, 9874 Medical Officers and 6660 AYUSH doctors have been engaged in States/UTs on contractual basis under the National Rural Health Mission.
- (c): No.
- (d) to (g): Does not arise.