

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

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HEALTHCARE FACILITIES UNDER NRHM

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

(a) whether the provisions of adequate healthcare facilities to remote and inaccessible rural areas have been affected by the non-availability of doctors and paramedical staff in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the estimated shortage of doctors and para-medical staff for proper implementation of the schemes/programmes under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);

(c) whether rural healthcare infrastructure is developing at a slow pace and Supreme Court has expressed concerns over the functioning of the rural healthcare centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government for effective implementation of various schemes/programmes to improve the healthcare facilities/infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the country in a time bound manner?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a): Shortage of allopathic doctors and specialists in rural areas does not affect the provisioning of health care in remote and inaccessible rural areas.

(b): The vacancy position of staff at Sub Centres, Primary Health Centers [PHCs] and Community Health Centers [CHCs] across the country as per Rural Health Statistics in India, 2011 is as under:

S No.	Name of Post	Name of Health Centre	Sanctioned	Vacant
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1	Doctor	PHCs	30051	7246
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2	Specialist	CHCs	9831	3880
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3	Doctors	CHCs	12631	
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4	Health Assistants [Female] /LHV	PHCs	23182	7870
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5	Pharmacist	PHC &CHCs	24460	4775
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6	Lab. Technicians	PHC &CHCs	16153	3525
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7	Nursing Staff	PHC &CHCs	63325	13217
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8 Health Worker SC &PHC 177103 8835
[Female]/ANM

9 Radiographer CHCs 2806 957

10 Health Worker SCs 83241 35123
[Male]

(c) & (d): No such observation of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has come to the notice of the Ministry of Health & FW in the recent past. Public Health is a state subject. Financial support is provided to States under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] to strengthen the health system based on the requirements proposed by the States in their annual Programme Implementation Plans. The implementation of the approved plans is monitored by respective State/District Health Societies. Review at the national level is done through quarterly reports on physical and financial progress of approved activities.