

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for establishment of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and sub-centres in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to review the said criteria to make available the medical facilities in all the villages of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): The Sub-centres are currently provided on the population norm of 1 per 5000 population in general areas and 1 per 3000 population in hilly, tribal and difficult areas. The PHCs are currently provided on the population norm of 1 per 30,000 population in general areas and 1 per 20,000 population in hilly, tribal and difficult areas.

Under the NRHM, density of health facilities is not tied to the single criteria of population and mixed criteria of case load, distances, accessibility are envisaged for setting up of health facilities.