

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

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HEALTH CENTRES .

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

- (a) the total number of Primary Health Original notice of the question received in Hindi. Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-Centres (SCs) and District Hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is shortage of doctors, particularly gynaecologists and other specialist doctors, paramedical staff, medical equipment and medicines in these centres/hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard especially in the remote and tribal areas, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of the proposals received from the State/UT Governments regarding upgradation/modernization of health centres/hospitals and setting up of new centres/district hospitals along with the total fund allocated/released by the Government to these States/UTs for the said purpose, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to curb high level of absenteeism amongst the doctors and paramedical staff at these centres during the duty hours crippling their functioning?

**Answer**

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

(a) The total number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-Centres (SCs) and District Hospitals functional in the country State/UT- wise as on March 2012 as per Rural Health Statistics in India, 2012 is placed at Annexure-I.

(b) State/UT-wise statements showing the shortfall of doctors at PHCs, Obstetrician & Gynaecologists at CHCs and paramedical staff at PHCs/CHCs as per Rural Health Statistics in India, 2012 are placed at Annexure- II to VI. The position of functioning medical equipment and medicines is dynamic and there are situations when medicines or medical equipment are not available in some Centre/hospitals.

(c) Public Health is a state subject. Under National Rural Health Mission, financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen the health system including engagement of doctors, specialists and paramedics on contractual basis and procurement of drugs, equipment based on the requirement posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. The details of measures taken by the Central Government to encourage doctors to work in rural and remote including tribal areas include:

I. provision of financial support to state/UTs for providing additional incentives and higher remuneration to doctors/specialists to serve in such areas and improved accommodation arrangements so that they find it attractive to join public health facilities in such areas.

II. amendment of the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to provide-

(i) 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

(ii) incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas up to the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses

(d) The details of proposals received from the State /UT Governments regarding upgradation/ modernization/renovation works of health centres/hospitals and new construction works/setting up of new centres/district hospitals for current financial year is placed at Annexure VII.

A statement regarding the total fund approved by the Government under NRHM to the State/UTs for the said purpose for the current financial year, State/UT-wise is provided at Annexure -VIII. Lump sum (not activity wise) grant is released to the States/UTs based on its Resource envelope and utilization.

(e): As stated above, Public Health being a state subject, the actual implementation including the measures to curb absenteeism of doctors and paramedical staff at these Centres is under the purview of the State Governments.