

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

- (a) whether Indian Institute of Health Care and Informatics (IMS) has revealed in its reports that only one third of hospital beds are available for patients in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of beds available in PHCs and CHCs, State/UTs-wise;
- (c) the number of beds required for patients as per urban and rural population, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The report of the Indian Institute of Health Care and Informatics (IMS) titled 'Understanding Healthcare Access in India' has reported that availability of hospital beds is disproportionately skewed toward private hospitals in urban areas, with nearly 3 out of every 4 hospital beds located in private, urban hospitals.
- (b) The details of availability of beds in public facilities including CHCs in rural and urban areas as per Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) is placed at Annexure -I
- (C) The minimum number of hospital beds required State/UT-wise on the basis of 12th Plan objective is placed at Annexure -II.
- (d) Public Health is a state subject. Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the Central Government provides financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen their health systems including new constructions and upgradation of public health facilities based on the requirement posed by the State Governments in their Programme Implementation Plans and as per norms which augment bed capacities. Under NRHM, funds have also been provided to the states to establish 468 Maternal and Child Health Wings which would augment bed capacity by more than 28,600 beds. Further, the Central government has decided to open eight new All India Institutes of Medical sciences and also upgrade 19 medical colleges/institutions to provide tertiary health care services which would add about 11390 additional beds.