

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

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

- (a) whether the various State Governments have demanded financial assistance from the Union Government to upgrade hospitals in their States with all the requisite treatment facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in many parts of the country people have to travel a long distance for the treatment due to nonexistence of hospitals nearby; and
- (d) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

a) to (d): Upgradation of Sub Centres (SC), Public Health Centres (PHC) and Community Health Centres (CHC) is an ongoing process under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for improving primary and secondary health care facilities in the country. State/UT Governments assess their requirement for upgradation of existing health infrastructure and for creating new infrastructure in rural areas and reflect the same in the annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) under NRHM. The funds are released to State Governments as per the recommendations of the National Programme Coordination Committee.

In addition, Central Government is making efforts to set up new AIIMS-like institutions and upgrade existing Government medical college institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana for improving tertiary health-care facilities in the Government sector.