

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

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

- (a) the salient features of the programmes being carried out by the Government with regard to the health issues related to women and children;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to relax the norms for opening up healthcare centres in the country particularly in desert, hilly and tribal areas of various States/UTs including Rajasthan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): Government of India under National Health Mission has taken several steps in all the States and UTs with regard to health issues related to women and children. Programmes/strategy being carried out by the Ministry in this regard is stated in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): Norms are already relaxed for opening up Healthcare centres in desert, hilly and tribal areas of all States/UTs as may be seen from the tabulated statement below:

Centre	Population Norms	
	Plain Area	Desert/Hilly/ Tribal Area
Sub-Centre (SC)	5000	3000
Primary Health Centre (PHC)	30,000	20,000
Community Health Centre (CHC)	1,20,000	80,000

In addition, a norm of "Time to care" has been adopted under which a Sub Centre can be set up within 30 minutes by walk from habitations in selected districts of hilly States and desert areas including Rajasthan.