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Medical Facilities

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

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(a) whether the Government proposes to set up/modernise/upgrade primary health centres/community health centres/family planning and welfare centres/district hospitals across every village and district in the country, especially rural and backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of PHC/CHC/DH operational, the ratio of population served through such health centres, the number of such centres where neo-natal units have been established and the number of doctors and specialist doctors deployed in these centres, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the funds earmarked, allocated by the Government to different States for setting up/modernising/upgrading new PHCs/CHCs/DHs and the funds utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of villages and districts where the said centres have not been set up till date, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is a shortage of doctors/specialist doctors in such centres across the country, and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps taken/ being taken by the Government to meet the said shortage, State/UT-wise?

Answer

(a): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure the requisite health infrastructure to meet health care needs of the population lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening of health systems including for setting up/construction/renovation of PHCs/CHCs/DHs based on the requirements posed by States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

(b): The information is provided at Annexures - I to VII.

(c): Funds allocated by the Government to different States for setting up/modernizing/upgrading PHCs/CHCs/DHs for the last three years, state/UT wise and their utilization, are shown in Annexure-VIII. Information on funds utilized during current year is not due.

(d): The State/UT wise position with regard to number of villages and districts (as per Census 2011) and the District Hospitals and Sub-Centers are at Annexure- IX. There is no norm to set up Health Sub- Centre in every village.

(e): There is shortage/vacancies of doctors/specialist doctors in public health facilities, the details of which are provided at Annexures V, VI and VII.

Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide health services to the citizens lies with the State/UT Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health system, including for recruitment of doctors and specialists on contractual basis based on the requirement proposed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans.

Further, under NHM, financial support is also provided to States, inter-alia for giving hard area allowance to doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that doctors find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas. States have also been advised to have transparent policies of posting and transfer, and deploy doctors rationally.

Multi-skilling of doctors is also being supported under NHM to overcome the shortage of specialists.

In order to encourage the doctors to work in remote and difficult areas, the Medical Council of India with the previous approval of Central Government has amended 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.

iii. Further Guidelines have been relaxed for setting up of Medical Colleges and also the number of seats for doctors and specialist have been increased.