

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

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HEALTH CENTRES IN A & N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of the Time Care Scheme in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) whether all the health centres of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are covered under the Time Care Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the remaining health centres are likely to be covered thereunder;
- (d) the details of the district hospitals and the health centres of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands where dialysis and ultrasound/sonography facilities are available; and
- (e) whether the Government has received any requests/ representations from individuals/associations/ public representatives regarding installation of dialysis facility with technicians in all district hospitals and health centres in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

- (a): Public Health is a State subject. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial support is provided to State/UT to strengthen their healthcare delivery system including for setting up of public health facilities based on the requirements posed by the State/UTs. As per information received from the UT Government, presently no facility has been set up under the "Time to care" norm.
- (b) & (c): As per information received from the UT government, there are a total of 119 sub centres in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. However, no sub centre has been set up under Time to care norm. They have identified 23 locations for setting up of sub centres under the "Time to Care" norm.
- (d): The information provided by the UT Government is as follows:
- (i) Dialysis facility is available at G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair and Dr. R.P Hospital, Mayabunder;
 - (ii) Ultrasound / Sonography facilities are available at G.B Pant Hospital and Primary Health Centre, Campbell Bay.
- (e): Public Health being a State subject, the prime responsibility for installation of dialysis facility with technicians in district hospitals and health centres lies with the State/UT Government. The UT government has informed that they had received a request from Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands regarding opening of Dialysis Units at Diglipur, Rangat, Garacharma, Car Nicobar & Campbell Bay. Due to scarcity of requisite specialists, the establishment of the said units at these health centres was not found feasible and the same has already been conveyed to the Member of Parliament by the UT Government.