

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1559  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**ACTION PLAN FOR HEALTH SERVICES**

**1559 # SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set any parameters for providing health services to the citizens of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of hospitals and doctors which should be there in the country presently;
- (c) whether health services are available to the citizens of the country on the basis of these standards at present;
- (d) if not, whether Government has prepared any time bound plan to provide health services on the basis of these parameters; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) To improve health infrastructure and services in public health facilities, the government has laid down Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). These standards include norms for services, infrastructure, human resources, diagnostics, equipment, medicines etc. They are used as the reference point for public health care infrastructure planning and up-gradation in the States and UT.

As per established norms, in rural areas a Sub Health Centre for a population of 5,000 (in plain) and 3000 (in hilly and tribal area), a Primary Health Centre for a population of 30,000 (in

plains) and 20,000 (in hilly and tribal areas) and Community Health Centre for a population of 1,20,000 (in plain) and 80,000 (in hilly and tribal area) is suggested. Further, for urban area one Urban Health Wellness Centre is recommended for a urban population of 15,000 to 20,000, one U-PHC for a urban population of 30,000 to 50,000, One U-CHC for every 2.5 lakh population in non-metro cities (above 5 lakh population) and one U-CHC for every 5 lakh population in the metro cities.

(b) to (e): RHS 2021-22, provides the details of the health facilities available at the different levels. A total number of 767 District Hospitals, 1275 sub-divisional hospitals, 6064 CHCs, 31053 PHCs, and 161829 Sub-centre are functional in the country.

As per RHS 2021-22, there are 18643 & 29817 doctors at SDH and DH, and a total 4485 number of specialists are in positions at CHCs.

The details of health services and State/UT-wise number of hospitals/doctors can be accessed through the link given below:  
<https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/RHS%202021%2022.pdf>

Under NHM, financial & technical support is provided to strengthen the primary health care as per State's annual action plans (PIPs).

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