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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2023

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRES

3119 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether a scheme has been formulated to set up health and wellness centres in the country with an objective to strengthen the health sector infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the kind of healthcare facilities that would be available at the health and wellness centres;
- (c) the total number of Health and wellness centres being set up in the country; and
- (d) the details of the total number of health and wellness centres proposed to be set up in Gujarat?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): In February 2018, the Government of India announced 1,50,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to be established across the country by December 2022. The existing Sub- Health Centres (SHC), Primary Health Centres (PHC) and Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) are transformed into AB-HWCs to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community.

Expanded range of services proposed to be provided at the health and wellness centres are as follows:

- I. Care in pregnancy and child-birth.
- II. Neonatal and infant health care services.
- III. Childhood and adolescent health care services.
- IV. Family planning, Contraceptive services and other Reproductive Health Care services.
- V. Management of Communicable diseases including National Health Programmes.
- VI. Management of Common Communicable Diseases and Outpatient care for acute simple illnesses and minor ailments.
- VII. Screening, Prevention, Control and Management of Non-Communicable diseases.

- VIII. Care for Common Ophthalmic and ENT problems.
- IX. Basic Oral health care.
- X. Elderly and Palliative health care services.
- XI. Emergency Medical Services.
- XII. Screening and Basic management of Mental health ailments.

As on 28.02.2023 a total of 1,57,698 AB-HWCs have been operationalized across the country. As on 28.02.2023 a total of 9,013 AB-HWCs operationalized in Gujarat against the set target of 8,710.
