

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023**

STATUS OF HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN RURAL AREAS

1048. SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

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

- (a) the details of the status of health care system in the country including rural areas;
- (b) the average density of population served by each rural health centre in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has made any plan to improve the present status of health care in rural India and if so, the details thereof and the details of number of rural health centres functioning in the State of Rajasthan, district-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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(a) and (b) : The healthcare system of the country involves a three-tier system with Sub Health Centre (Rural), Primary Health Centre (Urban and Rural) and Community Health Centre (Urban and Rural) as the three pillars of Primary Health Care System in India.

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 Ayushman Arogya Mandir is recommended for a urban population of 15,000 to 20,000, one Urban-Primary Health Centre (U-PHC) for a urban population of 30,000 to 50,000, One Urban-Community Health Centre (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. Further, District Hospital (DH), Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and First Referral Unit provide secondary care services for rural & urban area.

Rural Health Statistics (RHS) is an annual publication, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of State/UT-wise number of Sub-Centres, PHCs, CHCs, Sub-Divisional Hospital, District Hospital & Medical Colleges functioning in rural & urban

areas along with details of average population covered by rural health centre may be seen at the following link of RHS 2021-22:

<https://hmis.mohfw.gov.in/downloadfile?filepath=publications/Rural-Health-Statistics/RHS%202021-22.pdf>

(c) National Health Mission (NHM) envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources. Number of rural health centres functioning in the State of Rajasthan is 16,324 (which includes Sub-centre, Primary Health Centre, Community Health Centre, Sub-Divisional Hospitals and District Hospitals).

The number of rural healthcare centres functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including district-wise in Rajasthan may be seen at the following link of RHS 2021-22:

<https://hmis.mohfw.gov.in/downloadfile?filepath=publications/Rural-Health-Statistics/RHS%202021-22.pdf>
