

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

PRIVATE HEALTHCARE

1655. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

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

(a) whether in the absence of Government hospitals people from rural and tribal area are forced to avail expensive private healthcare; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Health Care facilities are not absent in rural areas. As per Rural Health Statistics, 2014 - 2015, there are 186144 health facilities in the public sector at various levels such as Sub-Centres (SC), Primary Health Centres (PHC), Community Health Centres (CHC), Sub-District Hospitals and District Hospitals in the rural and tribal areas of the country. Of these, 32913 SC, PHC & CHC are in tribal areas.

Under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical assistance is provided to the states for strengthening its health care systems. Since, inception of NHM/NRHM, Government has released over Rs.1.52 lakh crore to states, for strengthening health care facilities.

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