

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1623
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2017**

WELLNESS CENTRES

1623. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create new wellness centres and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these wellness centres will be different from the existing primary health care centres and sub centres and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) areas and States that have been identified by the Government to create these 1.5 lakh wellness centres, along with details thereof;
- (d) whether these wellness centres be created with centre funds; and
- (e) if so, the allocation for the same in the budget year 2017-18 and details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech 2017-18 has announced that Sub Health Centres will be transformed into Health and Wellness Centres.

The Health and Wellness centres will provide comprehensive primary health care including services for RCH services and select communicable and Non Communicable Diseases. The Health and Wellness Centres would be managed by a mid-level provider (Ayurveda doctor/Nurse, trained and certified through an appropriate bridge course in Public health and Primary care/ B.Sc {Community Health}). The Mid Level Provider would lead the team of ANMs, male multipurpose worker and ASHAs belonging to the villages in its geographical jurisdiction. The Health and Wellness Centre would also be able to undertake basic laboratory tests, using point of care diagnostics, stock and dispense drug supplies especially for non-communicable diseases, serve as the hub for active screening, and undertake health prevention and promotion for improved wellness outcomes.

(c): Public Health being a state subject, it is upto the State/ UT Governments to identify Sub-Health Centres to be transformed to Health & Wellness Centre and propose for such upgradation in their Programme Implementation Plans under NHM.

(d) & (e): The upgradation/ transformation of existing Sub Health Centres into Health and Wellness Centres is supported under the overall financial resource of NHM.

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