

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2221  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

**PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

**2221. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:  
SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:**

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

- (a) whether there is a need for major changes in the country's primary healthcare systems, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to undertake measures to meet the shortfall in the number of Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in the various States, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take special action with respect to certain States;
- (d) whether the Government would take action to meet the acute shortage of specialists in the Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the State of Haryana, as reported by National Health Mission statistics, if so, the details thereof and the proposed time line to achieve such targets; and
- (e) whether the experts from developed countries have agreed to provide training to Public Health Foundation of India in public healthcare, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): Public Health & Hospitals being a State subject it is for the State Governments to take a view on the same. However, support under the National Health Mission is now being provided for provision of comprehensive primary care that goes beyond maternal and child care services and select communicable diseases and includes common non-communicable diseases.

(b) & (c): Public Health & Hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to undertake measures to meet the shortfall in the number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) lies with respective State Governments. However under National Health Mission (NHM) support is being provided to States/ UTs for strengthening of healthcare systems including setting up of PHCs on the basis of proposal received from them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Approvals for infrastructure including setting up of PHCs are prioritised for High Priority Districts and hard to reach and underserved areas.

Resources under NHM are allocated to States on the basis of population, area and socio-economic backwardness, such that states that are relatively backward socio-economically, receive higher per capita allocation.

(d): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of specialists in the Community Health Centres (CHCs) lies with the respective State Government including in the state of Haryana. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs including Haryana to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for insourcing or engagement of specialists on contractual basis, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. Implementation of NHM including filling up of vacant positions of human resource including Specialist is done by the State Government

(e): As per information obtained from the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), they have undertaken collaborations with leading public health institutions in different countries. These collaborations include training and capacity building of public health faculty and researchers in India.