

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2017**

NUTRITION REHABILITATION CENTRES

**4310. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:**

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

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning and performance of the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the NRCs more effective?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes. There are 966 Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) in 25 States/UTs of the country with 10,904 functional beds. The review conducted for year 2015-16 showed that 1.7 lakh children with severe acute malnutrition were admitted to these NRCs and out of which 92,760 children were discharged with target weight gain.

(b): Under National Health Mission, following actions have been initiated through state health missions:

- To follow the recommended admission criteria for admitting children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) to NRCs, so that the sick SAM children are admitted for management in NRC.
- To recruit the staff as per norms suggested in “Operational Guidelines on Facility based Management of Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition” of MoHFW to deliver services adequately.
- Capacity building of NRC staffs to carry out appropriate management of sick SAM children admitted in NRCs.
- Monitoring the functionality of the NRCs through quarterly and annual reports shared by the States/ UTs as well as during supportive supervisory visits to NRCs.
- Critical review of the performance of NRCs with the child health Nodal officers during National child health programme review workshops held annually by Child Health Division, MoHFW.