

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2018**

NUTRITION REHABILITATION CENTRES

3493. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning and performance of the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any survey that highlights the absence of funds and essential commodities for the functioning of such NRCs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) 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
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a):

- The performance of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) is regularly reviewed through Quarterly progress reports (QPRs) shared by States and UTs in meetings.
- Presently there are 1151 NRCs across the country with 12,314 beds. In year 2016-17, total 1.88 lakhs children were admitted to these NRCs. The average bed occupancy rate was 64% and cure rate was 58% nationally.

(b) to (d):

- There are no reports of shortage of funds or commodities in NRCs and therefore no specific survey has been conducted.
- To improve functionality of the NRCs, field visits are undertaken to provide supportive supervision during different programme monitoring visits and feedbacks provided to the NRC staff as well as State Child Health Programme Officers for taking appropriate actions for the issues identified.
- During annual Child Health Review Meeting for the State Child Health Programme Officers, being held at national level, performance review findings are shared with them along with recommendations to improve functionality.

.....