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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 478 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY. 2018

WELLNESS CENTRES UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT YOJANA

478. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up wellness centres for providing health services to all under Ayushman Bharat Yojana across the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the location where these wellness centres are proposed to be set up along with details of facilities to be provided at these centres; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a): The Government has announced 1,50,000 Health and Wellness centres (HWCs) in Union Budget, 2018-19 for provision of comprehensive primary health care closer to the homes of the people as part of Ayushman Bharat across the country including Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) & (c): Public Health and Hospitals being a state subject, it is for the states to decide the location of the HWCs. However, at least two Health and Wellness centres are to be operationalised in each Aspirational district under extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. The details are available at www.egsa.nic.in.

The Health and Wellness Centres are envisaged to provide an expanded range of services, going beyond reproductive and child health and select communicable diseases, including prevention and management of common non communicable diseases, basic oral, ENT and eye care, palliative and elderly care, mental health services and basic emergency services. These expanded services appropriate to that level of care would be added incrementally.

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