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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 774 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2018

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN HEALTHCARE

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

- (a) whether as per a recent survey infrastructure in Health Sector is quite poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase investments for Healthcare infrastructure from private sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that private sector is reluctant in providing healthcare facilities in rural areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the necessary remedial steps taken in this regard?

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

- (a) & (b): Public Health and Hospitals is a state subject. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has not conducted survey in the recent past regarding the status of infrastructure in health sector. However, as per Rural Health Statistics Bulletin 2017-18, the shortfall of public health infrastructure in India is 18% for Sub centres, 22% for Primary Health Centres and 30% for Community Health Centres.
- (c): Public Health and Hospitals being a State subject, the responsibility of ensuring the adequacy of healthcare infrastructure lies with the respective States/UTs. Under National Health Mission (NHM) technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems, including for strengthening existing or setting up new public health facilities based on proposals of States/UTs Governments in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. Some of the measures to facilitate increase investments for Healthcare infrastructure from private sector include:
 - (i) Support under NHM is provided for provision of healthcare services in PPP mode
 - (ii) NITI Aayog has issued guidelines for a PPP model of NCD facility collocated at District Hospital.
 - (iii)Health infrastructure has been included under Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA).
 - (iv) The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana PMJAY also creates a conducive climate to facilitate private sector investment.
- (d) & (e): Public health and Hospitals being a State subject, no such data is maintained centrally.