

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 581
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th December, 2022**

PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES

†581. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- a) the details of the number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) opened in rural areas of the country along with the number of such Centres functional, State/UT/location-wise;
- b) whether the Government is aware of the fact regarding acute shortage of medicines in the said PHCs and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- c) the details of the necessary steps taken by the Government towards improving the situation and ensuring smooth functioning of the such PHCs across the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a): RHS 2020-21 report provides data on number of functional PHCs in rural area (state/UT wise). The details of which are placed at **annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): Under Ayushman Bharat initiative- existing Sub centres and PHCs are to be transformed to Health & Wellness centres to provide 12 packages of comprehensive primary health care services. To ensure the provisions of Comprehensive Primary Health Care services, under free drugs services initiative 171 essential medicine are provisioned at all PHCs-Health & Wellness centres free of cost to health care seekers. States/UTs have flexibility to add more medicines. Therefore, Essential Medicines Lists vary from State to State. To ensure the provision of free drugs, GoI support the states/UTs through proposals sought by states in their PIPs.

Support under the Free Drugs Service Initiative (FDSI) under National Health Mission (NHM) is available for Procurement of drugs and setting up of robust systems of procurement, Quality Assurance, Supply chain management and warehousing etc. IT enabled platform i.e. DVDMS (Drugs & Vaccine Distribution Management System) has been rolled out for monitoring the real status of procurement and availability of essential medicines through which state government monitor the availability of medicines at facilities.

Annexure-I

Sr. No.	State/UT	Number of PHC Functioning as per RHS 2020-21 in Rural areas
1	Andhra Pradesh	1142
2	Arunachal Pradesh	122
3	Assam	948
4	Bihar	1932
5	Chhattisgarh	769
6	Goa	23
7	Gujarat	1477
8	Haryana	384
9	Himachal Pradesh	553
10	Jharkhand	291
11	Karnataka	2141
12	Kerala	782
13	Madhya Pradesh	1234
14	Maharashtra	1839
15	Manipur	86
16	Meghalaya	121
17	Mizoram	62
18	Nagaland	131
19	Odisha	1288
20	Punjab	422
21	Rajasthan	2130
22	Sikkim	24
23	Tamil Nadu	1422
24	Telangana	636
25	Tripura	108
26	Uttarakhand	245
27	Uttar Pradesh	2923
28	West Bengal	915
29	A& N Islands	22
30	Chandigarh	0
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	12
32	Delhi	5
33	Jammu & Kashmir	891
34	Ladakh	32
35	Lakshadweep	4
36	Puducherry	24
