

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4058
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2023**

DENSITY OF RURAL HEALTH CENTRES

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

- (a) the present status of healthcare system in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the average density of population served by every Rural Health Centre;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to improve the present situation/condition of healthcare services in rural areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the district-wise number of Rural Healthcare Centres functioning in Uttar Pradesh?

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

(a) & (b): The healthcare system of the country involves a three-tier system with Sub Health Centre (Rural), Primary Health Centre (Urban and Rural) and Community Health Centre (Urban and Rural) as the three pillars of Primary Health Care System in India.

As per established norms, in rural areas a Sub Health Centre for a population of 5,000 (in plain) and 3000 (in hilly and tribal area), a Primary Health Centre for a population of 30,000 (in plains) and 20,000 (in hilly and tribal areas) and Community Health Centre for a population of 1,20,000 (in plain) and 80,000 (in hilly and tribal area) is suggested. Further, for urban area one Urban Health Wellness Centre is recommended for a urban population of 15,000 to 20,000, one U-PHC for a urban population of 30,000 to 50,000, One U-CHC for every 2.5 lakh population in non-metro cities (above 5 lakh population) and one U-CHC for every 5 lakh population in the metro cities. Further, First Referral Unit, Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and District Hospital (DH) provide secondary care services for rural & urban area.

Rural Health Statistics (RHS) is an annual publication, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of State/UT-wise number of Sub-Centres, PHCs, CHCs, Sub-Divisional Hospital, District Hospital & Medical Colleges functioning in rural & urban areas along with details of average population covered by rural health centre may be seen at the following link of RHS 2021-22:

<https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/RHS%202021%2022.pdf>

(c) to (e): National Health Mission (NHM) envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

As on 28.02.2023, a total of 21,986 Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been operationalized in Uttar Pradesh by upgrading existing SHCs and PHCs to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community.

XV-Finance Commission Health Grants through Local Government announced as part of Union Budget 2021-22, for strengthening the healthcare system at primary healthcare level, has recommended grants aggregating to Rs. 70,051 crores over the period of five years (2021-2026).

Government of India runs many schemes which focus upon the bridging the gap in providing health services to the public at large. PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 Crores aims to fill critical gaps in public health infrastructure.

The number of rural healthcare centres functioning in Uttar Pradesh district wise may be seen at the following link of RHS 2021-22:

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