

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.990  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**HEALTH FACILITIES IN BIHAR**

**990. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is fact that maximising the efficiency of primary healthcare centres in district Gopalganj of Bihar will result in reducing the load on AIIMS and other Hospitals;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to strengthen the facilities at primary healthcare centres in the country including Bihar;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted to improve the healthcare facilities at primary healthcare centres in district Gopalganj of Bihar keeping in view huge population there; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal of the Government to setup a new medical college in district Gopalganj of Bihar under the new schemes, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): Increasing the range of services by strengthening the primary health care centers would reduce unnecessary referrals resulting in reduction in work-load on secondary and tertiary care centres in long term.
- (b): “Public Health and Hospital” being a State subject the primary responsibility to strengthen the primary healthcare in the country including Bihar lies with respective State Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM) support is provided to States/ UTs for strengthening of their healthcare services based on the proposals received from them.

Support under NHM includes support for Free Drugs Service Initiative, Free Diagnostics Service Initiative, Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), ASHAs, Human Resource on contractual basis, Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) etc.

As per the budget announcement 2017-18, 1.5 lakh Health Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres are to be transformed into Health and Wellness Centres across the country by December, 2022 under Ayushman Bharat (AB-HWCs) for provision of comprehensive primary care that includes preventive healthcare and health promotion at the community level with

continuum of care approach for all. Services at AB-HWCs are free and universal to all individuals residing in the service area.

The AB-HWCs will provide an expanded range of services to include care for non - communicable diseases, palliative and rehabilitative care, Oral, Eye and ENT care, mental health and first level care for emergencies and trauma as well as Health promotion and wellness activities like Yoga apart from services already being provided for Maternal and Child Health including immunization and communicable diseases.

(c ): As per the information received from the State Govt. of Bihar, no such study has been conducted.

(d): Under the Phase-III of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for “Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/ referral hospitals”, all State/ UT have been requested to send their proposals. However, so far, no proposal for setting of new medical college in district, Gopalganj of Bihar has been received from the State Govt. of Bihar.

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