

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES (PHCS)

1129. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

- (a) the State-wise details of the operational Primary Health Centres across the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether there is shortage of doctors, trained staff and equipments in Primary Health Centres;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to meet this shortage;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States to open new Primary Health Centres; and
- (e) if so, the details of funds allocated therefor?

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

- a) As per the Rural Health Statistics-2019, as on 31.03.2019, a total of 30,045 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) have been functional in the country. State-wise details are given in Annexure-1.

- b) & c): Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of doctors, trained staff and medical equipment in public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), Central Government provides financial and technical support to States / UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including for procurement of equipment and insourcing / engagement of doctors and health workers on contractual basis, based on the requirements posed by the States / UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

As per Rural Health Statistics-2019, there is around 6% of shortfall of doctors in the PHCs in the Country, besides some shortfall of trained health workers. The details of shortfall of doctors and health assistants in PHCs is given in Annexure-II.

Central Government also provides support to States / UTs for hard-area allowance to doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that the health professionals find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas. Some states have introduced mandatory rural posting for medical graduates from government institutions to improve the availability of doctors.

Further, in order to encourage doctors to work in remote and difficult areas, the Medical Council of India, with the approval of Central Government, has amended the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to provide:

(i) 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service, who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

(ii) Incentive at the rate of 10% the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas as upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.

d) & (e): Under NHM, funds are allocated to the States/ UTs pool-wise and not individual activity-wise. State-wise details of State Programme Implementation Plans approvals for PHCs covered under NHM for the year 2020-21 are given in Annexure-III.

NUMBER OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES (PHCs) FUNCTIONING IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

(As on 31.03.2019)

Sr. No.	State / UT	PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES (PHCs)		
		Rural	Urban	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,145	364	1,509
2	Arunachal Pradesh	143	4	147
3	Assam	946	55	1,001
4	Bihar	1,899	95	1,994
5	Chhattisgarh	792	45	837
6	Goa	24	0	24
7	Gujarat	1,476	318	1,794
8	Haryana	379	97	476
9	Himachal Pradesh	586	20	606
10	Jammu & Kashmir	622	49	671
11	Jharkhand	298	57	355
12	Karnataka	2,127	435	2,562
13	Kerala	848	83	931
14	Madhya Pradesh	1,199	136	1,335
15	Maharashtra	1,828	538	2,366
16	Manipur	90	9	99
17	Meghalaya	118	0	118
18	Mizoram	59	10	69
19	Nagaland	126	5	131
20	Odisha	1,288	87	1,375
21	Punjab	416	16	432
22	Rajasthan	2,082	377	2,459
23	Sikkim	29	1	30
24	Tamil Nadu	1,422	463	1,885
25	Telangana	636	249	885
26	Tripura	108	5	113
27	Uttarakhand	257	0	257
28	Uttar Pradesh	2,936	624	3,560
29	West Bengal	908	448	1,356
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	22	2	24
31	Chandigarh	0	46	46
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	9	2	11
33	Daman & Diu	4	0	4
34	Delhi	5	535	540
35	Lakshadweep	4	0	4
36	Puducherry	24	15	39
TOTAL – ALL INDIA		24,855	5,190	30,045

ANNEXURE 2

STATUS OF DOCTORS AND TRAINED STAFF IN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES

<i>Source: RHS 2019</i>	Required	In-place	Shortfall	Shortfall (%)
Doctors (PHC)	24855	29799	1484	6%
Staff Nurse (PHC)	24855	30071	5800	23%
Pharmacist (PHC)	24855	18975	7220	29%
Lab Technician (PHC)	24855	12462	12638	51%
ANM/ MPW (Female) (PHC)	24855	28992	6492	26%

Details of SPIP Approvals for the PHCs (Hospital Strengthening and New Constructions) under NHM for the FY 2020-21

S.No.	Name of the State / UT	Rs. In Lakhs
		2020-21
A. High Focus States		
1	Bihar	3,225.00
2	Chattisgarh	1,260.38
3	Himachal Pradesh	-
4	Jammu & Kashmir	-
5	Jharkhand	1,381.96
6	Madhya Pradesh	8,509.59
7	Orissa	5,160.69
8	Rajasthan	-
9	Uttar Pradesh	120.00
10	Uttarakhand	19,657.62
Sub Total		39,315.24
B. NE States		
11	Arunachal Pradesh	1,464.54
12	Assam	540.00
13	Manipur	-
14	Meghalaya	-
15	Mizoram	286.44
16	Nagaland	-
17	Sikkim	1,840.00
18	Tripura	4,235.98
Sub Total		8,366.96
C. Non-High Focus States		
19	Andhra Pradesh	21.00
20	Goa	-
21	Gujarat	-
22	Haryana	200.00
23	Karnataka	1,202.49
24	Kerala	17,243.82
25	Maharashtra	-
26	Punjab	3,005.00
27	Tamil Nadu	-
28	Telangana	-
29	West Bengal	22,392.31
Sub Total		44,064.62
D. Small States/UTs		
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-
31	Chandigarh	-
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-
33	Daman & Diu	-
34	Delhi	-
35	Lakshadweep	1,399.11
36	Puducherry	-
Sub Total		1,399.11
Grand Total		93,145.93

Note:

- SPIP stands for State Program Implementation Plan.
- The above figures are as per reported by the State/UTs.
- The above figures are inclusive of activity Additional Building/ Major Upgradation of existing Structure, Up gradation, Spill over of Ongoing Works, New Constructions, Staff Quarters, Carry forward of new construction initiated last year, or the year before and Major civil works for operationalization of 24 hour services at PHCs.

