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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 800
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

STRENGTHEN OF PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN RURAL AREAS

800. SHRI AMRA RAM:

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

- (a) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the public health system;
- (b) the details of the proposal to make available the health services in proportion to the population;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand the health services and provide separate services in rural India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (d) : 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 Ayushman Arogya Mandir is recommended for a urban population of 15,000 to 20,000, one Urban-Primary Health Centre (U-PHC) for a urban population of 30,000 to 50,000, One Urban-Community Health Centre (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, District Hospital (DH), Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and First Referral Unit provide secondary care services for rural & urban area.

Through Ayushman Arogya Mandir, comprehensive primary healthcare is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). These Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative

care for an expanded range of services encompassing reproductive and child healthcare services, Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases and other health issues. As reported by the States/UTs on the AAM portal, 1,73,410 Ayushman Arogya Mandir have been operationalized in rural and urban areas till 30th June, 2024.

Besides, the diagnostic services at Sub-Health centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centre (PHCs) are strengthened using XV-FC health/NHM grants to achieve the IPHS norms so that the intended comprehensive primary healthcare services could be delivered.
