

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 815
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th NOVEMBER, 2024**

“HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES”

815. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE :

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

- (a) the details of the healthcare development projects with regard to Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across the country.
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to upgrade the services available at PHCs and equipped them with ECG machines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve access to quality healthcare services in rural regions across the country?

**ANSWER
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(a) to (c) 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 proposal in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

As per established norms, a Primary Health Centres (PHC) in rural areas is to be established for a population of 20,000 (in hilly and tribal areas) and 30,000 (in plains).

In 2018, the Government of India announced 1,50,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to be established by December 2022. The existing Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres in both rural and urban areas are transformed into Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free and closer to the community.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI)(Infrastructure & Human Resources),2022-23 is an annual publication,based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of health facilities functioning in rural & urban areas may be seen at the following link of HDI 2022-23:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

Further, to improve access to quality healthcare services in remote and rural areas support for Mobile Medical Unit(MMU) is provided to States/UTs, based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), subject to availability of resources. Deployment of MMUs is based on a normal population norm with 1 MMU per 10 lakhs population. However, further relaxation of norms is available on a case to case basis and where patients served through existing MMUs exceed 60 patients per day per MMU in plain area and 30 patients per day per MMU in hilly areas.

Also, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has developed eSanjeevani, a telemedicine application, which provides doctor to doctor (HWC module) and patient to doctor consultation services (OPD module). This application works on a hub and spoke model. At hub level, a specialist doctor provides services to Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) in rural areas.
