

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SEPARATE CADRES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a separate cadre of primary health centres` doctors for providing services in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve medical facilities in the rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) : There are State-wise cadres for doctors. The Government of India has been suggesting to the States/UTs to constitute District-wise cadres for doctors with a view to decentralisation and for efficient implementation of the programmes of Health & Family Welfare.

(c): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) seeks to provide effective health care to rural population throughout the country with special focus on 18 states, which have weak public health indicators and/or weak infrastructure. Its key components are - provision of a female Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), strengthening of the Rural Health Care Institutions such as Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs). These institutions will be monitored by the community and made accountable. By introducing Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS), it is proposed to standardise CHCs. It aims at integration of all vertical programmes. In effect, health care delivery will be made accessible and affordable.