

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES

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

- (a) the number of villages in the country where Primary Health Centres have been opened during the last three years and current year so far and the number out of those functioning at present;
- (b) whether the funds being allocated to these Primary Health Centres to provide basic medical facilities never reach the villages;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to give more grants, supply of adequate quantities of medicines for free distribution to poor people and posting of sufficient number of doctors to improve the functioning of Primary Health Centres in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) The Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are set up as per the Population Norms of 30,000 for Plain Area and 20,000 for Hilly/Tribal/Difficult Area. There are 23109 Primary Health Centres functioning as on September,2004 in the country.
- (b) & (c) No, Sir.
- (d) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) proposes to strengthen PHCs to reach Indian Public Health Standards.