

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has started mobile dispensaries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of such dispensaries proposed to be opened in country during the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): With the objective to take health care to the door step of the public in the rural areas, especially in the under-served areas, financial assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments by the Union Ministry of Health & FW under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for Mobile Medical Units (MMU) @ one MMU per district.

(b): The State-wise list of number of districts with MMU as per State Data Sheet as on 31.12.2008 is at Annexure.

(c): The funding for the MMU under NRHM is an ongoing process. The States project their requirement for MMUs keeping in view their diversity, ensuring the adoption of most suitable and sustainable model for the MMU as per their local requirement. This requirement is reflected in their annual Programme Implementation Plan under NRHM. Funds are released to State/UT Governments as per the approval of National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) under NRHM.