

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

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NATIONAL NUTRITIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and the total number of children enrolled at these centres in the country;
- (b) the mechanism put in place by NRCs to identify and improve the condition of children with severe and acute malnutrition;
- (c) the number of children enrolled at these NRC who have been able to successfully recover from severe/acute malnutrition during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;
- (d) the technical and financial assistance provided by the Government to States for setting up of these centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received proposals for setting up of more NRCs in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of these proposals, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning and performance of these NRCs and if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to make the NRCs more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): At present 872 Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) are operational in the country. 1,05,618 children were enrolled in the NRCs during April to December 2013.
- (b): The sick children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) are identified from the community and health facilities and referred to the NRC where they are admitted for medical management as well as nutritional rehabilitation.
- (c): The number of children enrolled and number recovered successfully in last three years is as below:

	Admitted	Discharged	successfully
2011-12	NA	NA	
2012-13	1,28,431	68,986	
2013-14	1,05,618	55,451	
(April- Dec 2014)			

State wise details are annexed.

- (d): Under National Health Mission, States are provided funds for establishing NRCs, operational costs and cost for Human Resource. The Central Ministry also provides technical assistance to States by developing Trainers of Trainers, developing guidelines and training modules, and also undertakes monitoring of NRCs to review their performance and provide technical comments and feedback. The funds for Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres are sanctioned to the States/UTs under comprehensive RMNCH+A activities and not separately as a scheme.
- (e): In 2013-14, Central Government received proposals for 23 States for establishing 1007 NRCs and funds were provided for the same.
- (f): The Government periodically reviews the functioning of NRCs through desk review of Quarterly and Annual reports sent by the States as well as conducts field visits to monitor and provide supportive supervision to these NRCs. The salient findings of these reviews are:

Admission and discharge criteria require stricter enforcement

Treatment and nutrition protocols need to be adhered to the standard treatment guidelines, as per the Government of India Guidelines recommendations.

Quality of care needs to be emphasised, that would require training of Medical Officers and Staff Nurses in SAM management and appropriate deployment of nutritionists.

Need for better linkages between the NRCs and community and the health facilities for improving the referral and follow up of discharged children and linkages with the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs).