

in plain area /20,000 population in tribal, hilly and backward area, covering about 20-25 villages, in line with the policy of the Government of India. Also, there are 6 Sub-Centres under each Primary Health Centre. Each sub-Centre provides health services to 4-5 villages covering 5,000 population in plain area/3,000 in tribal, hilly and backward area.

**Expansion of Rajendra Memorial Medical Research Institute, Patna**

9984. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the Rajendra Memorial Medical research Institute, Agamkuan, Patna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the institute is facing financial crisis; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajendra Memorial Medical Research Institute, Patna will be expanding its research activities in few areas like Epidemiology, Clinical Studies, Immunology, Immunodiagnosis, Chemotherapy, Immunoprophylaxis and Leishmaniasis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

**Availability of Health Service in Each Village of Punjab**

9985. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will

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

(a) whether any special Action Plan has been formulated or is under consideration to make health services available in each village of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of dispensaries, Primary Health Centres and Health Centres in Punjab where no doctor is posted at present;

(d) the total number of dispensaries, Primary Health Centres and health Centres, separately;

(e) whether basic amenities are available in all the above said dispensaries etc;

(f) if not, the time by which doctors and the facilities would be made available;

(g) whether basic amenities of family welfare for new born and mother are available in every village primary health centre; and

(h) if not, the time by which such amenities would be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) and (b). No special plan is being formulated to make health services available independently in each village of Punjab. However, in line with Govt. of India Policy and norms, to remove imbalances between health services in rural and urban area, one sub-centre has been provided for every 5000 population in rural area (3000 population in tribal & hilly area) and one Primary Health Centre for every 30,000 population in plain area (20,000 in tribal and hilly area).

(c) There are 311 such health centres

where 311 posts of doctors are lying vacant/ doctors are yet to be posted.

(d) As on 31st March, 1990 there were 2852 sub-centres and 1987 Primary Health canters as per the information provided by the State Government.

(e) and (f). Basic amenities are available in all these Health Centres, as informed by Punjab Government. Recruitment and posting of doctors are also being expediated.

(g) and (h). For every 4-5 villages there is a sub-centre, where basic amenities of family welfare including MCH services for new borns and mothers are available.

[English]

**Holding Back the Machinery by Jyoti Weaving Factory of (NTC) Calcutta**

9986. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jyoti Weaving Factory of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta has been still holding back the machine and equipment of some contractors since 1983;

(b) whether the corporation had decided to release those equipment to the contractors in or about June, 1986; and

(c) if so, action being taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, sir.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) The concerned contractor has been claiming rental charges for those equipments. Since the claim is untenable, as per terms of Contract, it has not been agreed to by NTC (WBABO) Ltd. The contractor has been requested to lift the equipments.

**Food Subsidy**

9987. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has recently been a quantum jump in the amount of food subsidies given to the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidy given during the last three financial years;

(c) the percentage increase in the quantity of foodgrains supplied through the public distribution system (PDS) during the above period; and

(d) the steps being taken to limit the scope of PDS to the families below a certain income level and cut down such huge food subsidies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). The food subsidy released to the Food Corporation of India during the last 3 years is indicated below:—

Year	Amount of subsidy (Rs. in crores)
1987-88	2,000
1988-89	2,200
1989-90	2,476