

provides for information on small meal plan for sedentary adult man and adult woman. The book also provides a guideline on physical activity titled 'Exercise regularly and be physically active to maintain ideal body weight'.

(c) and (d) At the time of the release of the book on in July, 2011, both the print and television media were briefed about the dietary guidelines. The said book is available at subsidized price for general public. NIN is involved in popularizing information about diet and physical activity in the community through extension lectures, print and television media.

#### **Misuse of PHCs under NRHM**

2267. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) under the ambitious National Rural Health Mission are serving as storehouses for food grains and as community halls and tehsil offices;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that all primary health centres are used for their intended purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) No specific complaint in this regard has come to the notice of the Ministry. As per the Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India, 2010, a total of 23673 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are functional across the country.

(b) and (c) Management of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) is the responsibility of the respective State/UT Governments. Central Government, under National Rural Health Mission, provides financial assistance to States/UTs as per their plan to facilitate the delivery of proper healthcare services in the rural areas.

#### **Steps to tackle water borne diseases**

2268. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the water borne diseases are on the increase in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Number of reported cases of major water borne diseases during the last three years show a mixed trend. The number of reported cases of water borne diseases like Cholera, Viral Hepatitis, Enteric Fever (Typhoid) and Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases (ADD) during last three years are given below:

| Disease                         | 2008     | 2009     | 2010     |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cholera                         | 2680     | 3482     | 5155     |
| Viral Hepatitis                 | 92291    | 124085   | 85164    |
| Enteric Fever (Typhoid)         | 934469   | 1099331  | 1034642  |
| Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases (ADD) | 11408666 | 11984490 | 10112845 |

Source: Central Bureau of Health Intelligence.

(b) Waterborne diseases occur mainly as a consequence of drinking of contaminated water. Provision of safe drinking water is the main strategy to contain spread of water borne diseases.

Responsibility for providing safe drinking water primarily lies with the State Governments, though following programmes are being run by Government of India through State Governments/local bodies to ensure supply of safe drinking water:

**Ministry of Rural Development - Department of Drinking Water Supply**

- (i) National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP).
- (ii) Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme.
- (iii) Jalmani Programme.

**Ministry of Urban Development**

Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

National Centre for Diseases control (NCDC) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issues technical guidelines to the State Governments from time to time on prevention and control of waterborne diseases. NCDC also helps State Governments in carrying out investigation of outbreaks of such waterborne diseases under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project.