

In addition to the above, one Eye surgeon visits Civil Hospital Rohroo once in 15 days from CHC Kothkai.

(e) Presently, two M.D (Medicine) doctors, one surgeon and one anesthetist are posted at Civil Hospital Rohroo as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh. Posting orders of one Radiologist and one orthopedic Surgeon have been issued.

(f) Government of India accords approvals on the basis of Programme Implementation Plans proposed by the State Governments. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has communicated that they give equal importance to all Hospitals.

#### **Rural posting for MBBS students**

2562. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to extend the education of MBBS students by an additional one year, for posting in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this rural posting will be made mandatory for all MBBS students; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve rural health infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) In an overall effort to improve medical education and make it more socially oriented and suitable from the public health perspective and to expose MBBS students to rural healthcare settings besides enabling them to acquaint themselves with broad community healthcare needs, Medical Council of India has been requested to prepare a scheme document for rural posting of medical graduates after completion of a part of internship in medical college.

(d) The Central Government provides funds under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to the State Governments and the Union Territories to strengthen and improve the health infrastructure in the rural areas of the country. The funds are

*inter alia* provided for strengthening and also for setting up of District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-Divisional Hospitals, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-Centres. Funds are also provided under NRHM to support upgradation of health facilities such as District Hospitals, CHCs, Sub-Divisional Hospitals, PHCs and Sub-Centres to Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). In addition, annual maintenance grants are provided under NRHM to CHCs, Sub-Divisional Hospitals, PHCs and Sub-Centres at the rate of Rs. 1,00,000 per CHC/Sub-Divisional Hospital, Rs. 50,000 per PHC and Rs. 10,000 per Sub-Centre.

**Special suicide prevention programme**

2563. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons who have committed suicide during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to launch special suicide prevention programme in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) As per the “Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India” reports published by the National Crime Records Bureau for the years, 2009 to 2011, the total number of suicide cases reported during the last three years State-wise are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) to (d) The Government of India has approved the implementation of the District Mental Health Programme in some of the districts of the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges.