

(c) whether the reasons for lack of interest in appointment of doctors by the medical graduates are being resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Chhattisgarh Government has informed that the reason for shortfall of medical graduates in the State is that many medical graduates try for post graduate admission and hence they avoid immediate employment after MBBS. Further, most of the places in Chhattisgarh are remotely located, wherein such medical graduates do not show any interest to serve. The State Government, therefore, fills up the posts from graduate doctors of the State as well as from outside the State. The Government of Chhattisgarh provides additional allowances to doctors under the Chhattisgarh Rural Medical Corps Scheme to attract them for working there. The vacancies in AIIMS Raipur are open to all the applicants of the country, including Chhattisgarh.

New PHCs in U.P.

†1824. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to set up Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether new primary health centres can be opened in villages whose population is more than five thousand or in the villages not having any health centres within 10 km. radius; and

(c) if so, the criteria for opening health centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Public health being a State subject, the responsibility of setting up of health centres/district hospitals lies with the States/UTs. However, financial and technical support is provided under National Health Mission (NHM) to supplement the efforts of States/UTs for setting up/upgradation of Rural Health infrastructure, including Primary Health Centres (PHCs) as per the requirement proposed by the State/UT Governments in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Under NHM, the proposals of support to State Governments/UT Administration for establishment of the Primary Health Centre (PHC) is considered for a population norm of 30000 per PHC in plain areas and 20000 per PHC in hilly, tribal and desert areas.

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