

**Child immunisation in North eastern region**

2528. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by Government to ensure that the North Eastern States come at par with the national average in achieving full child immunisation;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to increase the number of Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres and Community Health Centres in the region, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken measures to improve facilities available in these centres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) The following initiatives have been taken by Government of India to ensure that the North Eastern States come at par with the national average on achieving full child immunisation:

Under NHM, mobility support is provided to strengthen supportive supervision, alternate vaccine delivery from the last cold chain point at PHC/CHC to session site and incentives are provided to ASHA for mobilizing beneficiaries to the session site. Also incentives are provided to ASHA for full immunization of a child.

Government of India has conducted four rounds of "Mission Indradhanush" in 33 high focus districts of North East States, targeting areas with partial immunization and no immunization. During these rounds, 5.6 lakh children and 0.53 lakh pregnant women were vaccinated in North East states.

(b) and (c) Government of India provides financial support to the States/UTs for strengthening/upgradation of healthcare infrastructure based on the proposals submitted by the states in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIP). The approvals for healthcare facilities are done in accordance with the population norms and case load in the health facilities. The population norms for setting up of public health facilities in the hilly/tribal and difficult areas are relaxed and are as under :

Health Facility	Plain Areas	Tribal/Hilly areas
Sub Centre	1 per 5000	1 per 3000
Primary Health Centre	1 per 30000	1 per 20,000
Community Health Centre	1 per 1.20,000	1 per 80,000

The status of new construction and up gradation works sanctioned under NRHM to the North Eastern States as on 31.3.2015 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

Further, the Forward Linkage Scheme supports strengthening and up-gradation of Secondary and Tertiary level health infrastructure in respect of North East states. The scheme was introduced in the 11th Plan (FY 2007-2012). It is funded from likely savings from other Health Schemes.

**Statement**

*New construction of health centres sanctioned as on 31.3.2015*

Sl.No.	States	CHC	PHC	Other than SHC	SHC
1.	Assam	116	0	215	2876
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	3	0	31
3.	Manipur	0	21	0	227
4.	Meghalaya	0	5	0	126
5.	Mizoram	0	0	0	20
6.	Nagaland	9	19	0	148
7.	Sikkim	2	2	0	13
8.	Tripura	0	25	0	406

*Renovation/Upgradation of health centres sanctioned as on 31.3.2015*

Sl.No.	States	CHC	PHC	Other than SHC	SHC
1.	Assam	104	0	465	1471
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10	3	0	4
3.	Manipur	8	68	0	234
4.	Meghalaya	84	220	0	271
5.	Mizoram	5	0	0	120
6.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
7.	Sikkim	0	37	0	111
8.	Tripura	9	77	0	111

CHC: Community Health Centre, PHC: Primary Health Centre, SHC: Sub-Health Centre