THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) No data in relation to number of Paramedics is maintained Centrally.

- (c) To meet the required number of Paramedical Staffs in the country, the following two Schemes are being run by the Ministry-
- (1) Setting up and strengthening of State institutions of allied health sciences in States.
- (2) Strengthening/upgradation of pharmacy institutions and continuing education programme for faculty and practicing pharmacists.

Also as per information provided by MSDE, during the last year approximately 19,000 learners have been certified as allied health professionals and another 25,000 are to be inducted for training in this financial year.

## **Equitable healthcare services**

2707. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified certain poorest performing districts to provide equitable healthcare services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to put in more resources and focused programme in the poorest performing districts in order to improve healthcare services and ensure equitable health services across regions that suffer from intra-State disparities?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Yes. To ensure equitable health care and to bring about sharper improvements in health outcomes in the low performing districts Department of Health and Family Welfare have identified 184 districts across country ranked in bottom 25% of the districts within each State as High Priority Districts (HPDs) on the basis of composite index of health indicators available in Annual Health Survey (AHS) 2010-11 and District Level Health Survey - III (DLHS - III) except for Nagaland where indicators from Health Management Information System (HMIS) were used for implementation of focused health care interventions under National Health Mission (NHM). A State-wise list of HPDs including that in the State of Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal is given in Statement (See below).

(c) Public health is a State subject. Hence the primary responsibility of providing health care to all the population including the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe is that of the State Governments.

The HPDs have been identified for enhanced monitoring and focussed supportive supervision, relaxation of norms for strengthening service delivery, and encouraged to adopt innovative approaches to address their peculiar health challenges. Technical support from all sources is harmonised and aligned with NHM particularly in these districts to support implementation of key priority intervention packages.

To expedite all these measures, 30% higher fund allocation has been mandated for these HPDs districts.

Statement
List of High Priority Districts

Bottom 25% districts within a State taken according to ranking based on Composite Index of Healh Indicators or Tribal districts having majority tribal population falling in bottom 50% taken according to ranking based on Composite Index of Health Indicators

S1. 1	No. State		District 1	Ranking of District withi State	
1	2		3	4	5
1.	Assam	1	Golaghat	18	
2.	Assam	2	Nagaon	19	
3.	Assam	3	Kokrajhar	20	
4.	Assam	4	Hailakandi	21	
5.	Assam	5	Dhubri	22	
6.	Assam	6	Karimganj	23	
7.	Bihar	1	Jamui	29 Ez	LEFT Wing xtremism (LWE)
8.	Bihar	2	Saharsa	30	
9.	Bihar	3	Purnia	31	
10.	Bihar	4	Sitamarhi	32	
11.	Bihar	5	Sheohar		
12.	Bihar,	6	Purba Champaran	n 34	
13.	Bihar	7	Araria	35	

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1	2		3	4	5	
14.	Bihar	8	Katihar	36		
15.	Bihar	9	Kishanganj	37		
16.	Bihar	10	Gaya	22	LWE	
17.	Chhattisgarh	1	Bilaspur	13		
18.	Chhattisgarh	2	Dantewada*	14	Tribal	
19.	Chhattisgarh	3	Bijapur	#	LWE	
20.	Chhattisgarh	4	Jashpur	15	Tribal	
21.	Chhattisgarh	5	Surguja	16	LWE, Tribal	
22.	Jharkhand	1	Paschimi Singhbhum*	15	LWE, Tribal	
23.	Jharkhand	2	Saraikela-Kharsawan	#		
24.	Jharkhand	3	Godda	16		
25.	Jharkhand	4	Sahibganj	17		
26.	Jharkhand	5	Pakaur	18		
27.	Jharkhand	6	Palamu*	11	LWE	
28.	Jharkhand	7	Latehar#			
29.	Jharkhand	8	Lohardaga	12	LWE, Tribal	
30.	Jharkhand	9	Gumla*	14	LWE, Tribal	
31.	Jharkhand	10	Simdega	#		
32.	Jharkhand	11	Dumka	13		
33.	Madhya Pradesh	1	Raisen	35		
34.	Madhya Pradesh	2	Tikamgarh	36		
35.	Madhya Pradesh	3	Sidhi*	37		
36.	Madhya Pradesh	4	Singrauli	#		
37.	Madhya Pradesh	5	Sagar	38		
38.	Madhya Pradesh	6	Damoh	39		
39.	Madhya Pradesh	7	Satna	40		
40.	Madhya Pradesh	8	Dindori	41	Tribal	
41.	Madhya Pradesh	9	Shahdol*	42		
42.	Madhya Pradesh	10	Anuppur	#		

1	2		3	4	5
43.	Madhya Pradesh	11	Umaria	43	
44.	Madhya Pradesh	12	Chhatarpur	44	
45.	Madhya Pradesh	13	Panna	45	
46.	Madhya Pradesh	14	Barwani	30	Tribal
47.	Madhya Pradesh	15	Mandla	32	Tribal
48.	Madhya Pradesh	16	Jhabua*	33	Tribal
49.	Madhya Pradesh	17	Alirajpur	#	
50.	Odisha	1	Nuapada	24	
51.	Odisha	2	Koraput	25	
52.	Odisha	3	Rayagada	26	LWE, Tribal
53.	Odisha	4	Nabarangapur	27	Tribal
54.	Odisha	5	Malkangiri	28	LWE, Tribal
55.	Odisha	6	Kandhamal	29	Tribal
56.	Odisha	7	Baudh	30	
57.	Odisha	8	Gajapati	22	LWE, Tribal
58.	Rajasthan	1	Bundi	25	
59.	Rajasthan	2	Karauli	26	
60.	Rajasthan	3	Jaisalmer	27	
61.	Rajasthan	4	Udaipur	28	
62.	Rajasthan	5	Rajsamand	29	
63.	Rajasthan	6	Dhaulpur	30	
64.	Rajasthan	7	Jalor	31	
65.	Rajasthan	8	Barmer	32	
66.	Rajasthan	9	Banswara	19	Tribal
67.	Rajasthan	10	Dungarpur	24	Tribal
68.	Uttar Pradesh	1	Faizabad	54	
69.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Sant Kabir Nagar	55	
70.	Uttar Pradesh	3	Hardoi	56	
71.	Uttar Pradesh	4	Barabanki	57	

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1	2		3	4	5		
72.	Uttar Pradesh	5	Pilibhit	58			
73.	Uttar Pradesh	6	Kheri	59			
74.	Uttar Pradesh	7	Sitapur	60			
75.	Uttar Pradesh	8	Bareilly	61			
76.	Uttar Pradesh	9	Gonda	62			
77.	Uttar Pradesh	10	Kaushambi	63			
78.	Uttar Pradesh	11	Etah*	64			
79.	Uttar Pradesh	12	Kanshiram Nagar	#			
80.	Uttar Pradesh	13	Shahjahanpur	65			
81.	Uttar Pradesh	14	Siddhartha Nagar	66			
82.	Uttar Pradesh	15	Bahraich	67			
83.	Uttar Pradesh	16	Budaun	68			
84.	Uttar Pradesh	17	Balrampur	69			
85.	Uttar Pradesh	18	Shrawasti	70			
86.	Uttar Pradesh	19	Sonbhadra	47	LWE		
87.	Uttarakhand	1	Pauri Garhwal	11			
88.	Uttarakhand	2	Tehri Garhwal	12			
89.	Uttarakhand	3	Haridwar	13			
90.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Vizianagaram	18			
91.	Andhra Pradesh	2	Cuddapah	19			
92.	Andhra Pradesh	3	Kurnool	20			
93.	Andhra Pradesh	4	Mahbubnagar	21			
94.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Visakhapatnam	22			
95.	Andhra Pradesh	6	Adilabad	23			
96.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Tawang	13	Tribal		
97.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	Lower Dibang Valley	14			
98.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	East Kameng	15	Tribal		
99.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	Upper Siang	16	Tribal		
100.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	Lower Subansiri*	11	Tribal		

1	2		3	4	5
101.	Arunachal Pradesh	6	Kurung kumey	#	
102.	Arunachal Pradesh	7	Upper Subansiri	12	Tribal
103.	Delhi	1	North West	8	
104.	Delhi	2	North East	9	
105.	Gujarat	1	Panch Mahals	20	
106.	Gujarat	2	Sabar Kantha	21	
107.	Gujarat	3	Banas Kantha	22	
108.	Gujarat	4	Kachchh	23	
109.	Gujarat	5	The Dangs	24	Tribal
110.	Gujarat	6	Dohad	25	Tribal
111.	Gujarat	7	Valsad	15	Tribal
112.	Gujarat	8	Narmada	17	Tribal
113.	Haryana	1	Jind	16	
114.	Haryana	2	Hisar	17	
115.	Haryana	3	Panipat	18	
116.	Haryana	4	Palwal	#	
117.	Haryana	5	Mewat	20	
118.	Himachal Pradesh	1	Mandi	10	
119.	Himachal Pradesh	2	Lahul & Spiti	11	Tribal
120.	Himachal Pradesh	3	Chamba	12	
121.	Himachal Pradesh	4	Kinnaur	9	Tribal
122.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Rajauri	12.	
123.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	Doda*	13	
124.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	Ramban	#	
125.	Jammu & Kashmir	4	Kishtwar	#	
126.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	Punch	14	
127.	Jammu & Kashmir	6	Leh (Ladakh)	7	Tribal
128.	Karnataka	1	Gadag	21	
129.	Karnataka	2	Bijapur	22	

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1	2		3	4	5	
130.	Karnataka	3	Bagalkot	23		
131.	Karnataka	4	Bellary	24		
132.	Karnataka	5	Koppal	25		
133.	Karnataka	6	Gulbarga*	26		
134.	Karnataka	7	Yadgir	#		
135.	Karnataka	8	Raichur	27		
136.	Kerala	1	Kasaragod	12		
137.	Kerala	2	Malappuram	13		
138.	Kerala	3	Palakkad	14		
139.	Maharashtra	1	Nanded	27		
140.	Maharashtra	2	Bid	28		
141.	Maharashtra	3	Jalgaon	29		
142.	Maharashtra	4	Dhule	30		
143.	Maharashtra	5	Aurangabad	31		
144.	Maharashtra	6	Jalna	32		
145.	Maharashtra	7	Gadchiroli	33	LWE	
146.	Maharashtra	8	Hingoli	34		
147.	Maharashtra	9	Nandurbar	35	Tribal	
148.	Manipur	1	Ukhrul	8	Tribal	
149.	Manipur	2	Tamenglong	9	Tribal	
150.	Manipur	3	Senapati	5	Tribal	
151.	Manipur	4	Chandel	6	Tribal	
152.	Manipur	5	Churachandpur	7	Tribal	
153.	Meghalaya	1	West Khasi Hills	6	Tribal	
154.	Meghalaya	2	South Garo Hills	7	Tribal	
155.	Meghalaya	3	Jaintia Hills	4	Tribal	
156.	Meghalaya	4	West Garo Hills	5	Tribal	
157.	Mizoram	1	Lawngtlai	7	Tribal	
158.	Mizoram	2	Mamit	8	Tribal	

1	2		3	4	5
159.	Mizoram	3	Lunglei	5	Tribal
160.	Mizoram	4	Saiha	6	Tribal
161.	Puducherry	1	Yanam	4	
162.	Punjab	1	Sangrur*	16	
163.	Punjab	2	Muktsar	17	
164.	Punjab	3	Gurdaspur	18	
165.	Punjab	4	Barnala	19	
166.	Punjab	5	Mansa	20	
167.	Sikkim	1	West	4	
168.	Tamil Nadu	1	Vellore	24	
169.	Tamil Nadu	2	Madurai	25	
170.	Tamil Nadu	3	Krishnagiri	26	
171.	Tamil Nadu	4	Tiruvannamalai	27	
172.	Tamil Nadu	5	Trichy	28	
173.	Tamil Nadu	6	Thirunelveli	29	
174.	Tamil Nadu	7	Virudhunagar	30	
175.	Tripura	1	Dhalai	4	Tribal
176.	West Bengal	1	Koch Bihar	15	
177.	West Bengal	2	Murshidabad	16	
178.	West Bengal	3	South 24 Parganas	17	
179.	West Bengal	4	Maldah	18	
180.	West Bengal	5	Uttar Dinajpur	19	
181.	Nagaland	1	Kiphre (replaced by Mokoko	6 chung)	
182.	Nagaland	2	Tuengsang (replaced by Pheren)	4	
183.	Nagaland	3	Mon	10	
184.	Nagaland	4	Wokha (replaced by Kohima)	3	

<sup>\*:</sup> Parent district

<sup>#:</sup> District carved out of parent district

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Note:1. The districts of Nagaland State are based on composite index of HMIS Key Indicators as DLHS-3 Survey was not conducted in the State.

<sup>2.</sup> List of 184 HPD districts revised as per the decision taken by the Committee on 30.8.2013 to replace the existing districts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland as requested by States