

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Basic Health Facilities at Primary Health Centres

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As the posts required for health facilities are filled up by respective State/UT Governments, they are impressed upon from time to time to fill up the vacant posts.

Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of basic health facilities in primary health centres and district hospitals lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical

Support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems for providing accessible, affordable and quality health to all those who access public health facility. The Central Government is supporting States for provision of a host of free services including for maternal health, child health, adolescent health, family planning, universal immunisation programme, and for major diseases such as Tuberculosis, HIV/ AIDS, vector borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue and Kala Azar, Leprosy etc. Other major initiatives for which states are being supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal SwasthyaKaryakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementation of NHM Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework.

Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of life saving drugs in public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs for provision of essential drugs free of cost in public health facilities. To ensure free availability of quality drugs in public health facilities, support under NHM support is also provided to States/UTs for putting in place an IT enabled inventory management system to track drug availability.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Sh Faggan Singh Kulaste stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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