

Foreword

This Ministry is bringing out a regular publication entitled 'Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India' providing detailed statistics on the Rural Health Care in order to cater to the needs of health planners and policy makers as well as other government and non-government organizations and research institutions working in this field.

The data given in this bulletin is based on the information provided by the States and Union Territories in the form of Quarterly Progress Reports on Rural Health Services. The current bulletin is an attempt to compile the latest available information upto the quarter ending **September 2005**. An effort has been made to incorporate all the available information and present it in a systematic manner in this bulletin. A separate chapter on **Rural Health Infrastructure in Tribal Areas** has been introduced in this issue of the Bulletin. Another new chapter on **Status of Facilities** available at various levels of rural health infrastructure has been also added to make this publication more comprehensive and informative.

I hope the Bulletin will benefit all those who are involved in the field of policy, administration, planning, management & research of health services.

I take this opportunity to put on record my appreciations for the officers and staff of Infrastructure Division for bringing out this Bulletin.

Suggestions for improvement of this Bulletin shall be highly appreciated.

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Acknowledgements

At the outset, I put on record the continuous support and cooperation received from various States / Union Territories in providing the updated information on Rural Health Infrastructure through the Quarterly Progress Reports. It has been our endeavour to not only get the latest information in the routine reporting but also engaging the states in active consultation on Rural Health Infrastructure through 4 regional workshops organised during September to October 2005. To streamline reporting, it is suggested that one nodal officer be designated to collect the required information from all the Departments of the state and transmit to the Infrastructure Division of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India regularly.

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