Preface

This Ministry has been bringing out this annual publication titled “Rural Health Statistics (RHS)” in India. The present Bulletin of RHS titled “Rural Health Statistics 2017-18” provides data on rural health infrastructure including health manpower upto 31\textsuperscript{st} March, 2018. The Bulletin is published in bilingual. The information/data are received from all State/UT Governments on a set of pre designed Proformas circulated by the Ministry. The data received from these proformas is cross checked for consistency within and across years and are also validated with the data available from other sources. In addition population data from the O/o the registrar general of India and data on various training from the concerned division of this Ministry is used for this compilation.

Major Highlights of the Bulletin are placed at the beginning of the publication, enabling users to have a quick glance on the important findings. Besides highlights, the publication is arranged in two Parts. The Part-I gives an analysis about the Rural Health Care system in India whereas the Part -2 provides detailed statistics. Further, the Part-2 of the Bulletin is divided into ten sections.

The Section I provide comparative position of various health infrastructure like number of Facilities, the manpower employed etc. between 2005 (year launch of National Rural Health Mission) & 2018 as well as between 2017 & 2018. The Section II provides the district wise healthcare infrastructure available in India. Section III provides detailed statistics about a number of demographic indicators. Section IV deals with Rural Health Infrastructure while Section V is devoted to status of various Health Manpower in rural areas. Section VI provides statistics on status of various facilities available at SCs, PHCs & CHCs whereas Section VII gives detail about training of medical & paramedical personnel. Section VIII classified States/UTs on the basis of few parameters of achievements pertaining to rural healthcare. The Section IX provides information related to District Hospital, Sub Divisional/Sub District Hospitals and First Referral Units. Section X provides detailed statistics on health infrastructure in the various tribal areas of the country.
Additional information on availability of the AYUSH doctors at PHCs and CHCs has also been incorporated for the first time in this publication.

The Bulletin is also available at the Ministry’s website. Detailed statistics of the Bulletin in Microsoft Excel format have been incorporated on the website for ease of data analysis. Suggestions for further improvement of the Bulletin for future publications are most valuable. This publication would cater the basic needs of effective planning, monitoring and management of health infrastructure to various stakeholders in the health sector.

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