Foreword

As a part of its efforts 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 Infrastructure Division in this Ministry is bringing out a publication entitled ‘Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India’ providing detailed statistics on the Rural Health Care infrastructure and manpower.

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 Schemes. Four Regional workshops were also held for updation & consultation with the State Officials on rural health infrastructure. The current bulletin is an attempt to compile the latest available information upto the quarter ending September 2004. An effort has been made to incorporate all the available information and present it in a systematic manner in this bulletin.

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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Preface

The system of Rural Health Care in India forms the basis for providing Primary Health Care to a vast section of population residing in rural areas and constituting about 72% of the total population in the country. The efficient and smooth functioning of such a vast network of Rural Health Care institutions needs careful planning and management of the available infrastructure, resources and manpower at the same time making proper assessment of the requirements in future as well.

Health planning in India has been an integral part of national socio-economic planning. The Ministry of Health and Family welfare is the nodal agency addressing to the issues concerning health and family welfare in the country. The Infrastructure Division of this Ministry is bringing out a Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India. The issue in hand is the latest one in this series.

This Bulletin is an attempt to compile information on various aspects of Rural Health Care services, including, the number of centres, the building position, manpower etc. For the first time in this issue, an attempt has also been made to compile and present the available information at the District Level.

I hope this Bulletin will prove beneficial to various users working in this important field. Suggestions for further improvement of the Bulletin are most welcome.

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