

**Health Development Programme :** Our Central Government and State Government have formulated and implemented a number of programmes for the development of community health. Some important programmes related to the community health development are as follows:

**i. Minimum Need Programme :** This programme was implemented in 1975. Under this programme, attempts have been made to provide better health services in rural area. Under this programme, referral hospitals, primary health centres, extra primary and subsidiary health centres and health sub centres have been established in rural areas.

In the state of Bihar, (including Jharkhand) there are 148 referral hospitals, 2210 extra primary + subsidiary health centres and 14,800 health sub-centres.

In each referral hospital four doctors have been employed - one child specialist, one Gynaecologist and female disease, one surgeon and one expert in medicine or general physician.

In each block level primary health centres, there are four posts of medical officer. In extra and subsidiary health centres established at 20,000 to 30,000 population, there are two posts of medical officers. At each primary sub health centre, there are two posts - one for female health worker, and other for male health worker. In newly created primary sub health centre, there is provision for only female workers.