

Medical and Health Care

24. Central sector emphasis continues to be on control and eradication of communicable and non-communicable diseases like Malaria, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, AIDS, Blindness, Cancer, etc. and various programmes to this effect are being implemented with the World Bank assistance. Measures for upgradation of central and state levels organisations for drug quality control and food safety and strengthening of medical store organisations are also being undertaken. It may be observed from Table 10.11 that there had been marked expansion in infrastructure for health services since 1951.

25. An enhanced outlay of Rs.1195 crore including Rs. 50 crore for Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy has been provided in 1998-99 (BE) as compared to Rs.918 crore in 1997-98 (RE). The Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy (ISM&H) has identified thrust areas namely improving the standards of education and strengthening the educational institutions, standardisation of drugs and quality control, enhancing the availability of raw material, information, education and communication, etc. Specialty clinics of Unani, Ayurveda and Homeopathy have been set up in major allopathic hospitals like the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital respectively.

TABLE 10.11
Expansion of Health Services

(in numbers)							
Item	1951	1961	1971	1981	1992	1996	1997
1. Medical Colleges **	28*	60	98	111	146	165	165
2. Hospitals **	2694	3094	3862	6804	13692	15097#	NA
3. Dispensaries **	6515	9406	12180	16751	27403	28225#	NA
4. Community Health Centres @	0	0	0	217	2186	2572	2628
5. Primary Health Centres @	725	2565	5112	5740	20701	21917	22446
6. Sub-centres @	-	-	28489	51405	131370	134931	136379
7. Hospital beds(all types)**	117178	230000	348655	569495	834650	870161#	NA
8. Doctors **	61840	83756	151129	268712	395851	375291(P)	484401(P)
9. Dentists **	3290	3582	5512	8648	11300	23953#	NA
10. Nurses **	16550	35584	80620	154280	385410	565696	NA
NA Not available * Pertains to 1950 ** As on December 31 @ As on March 31 # As on 31.12.95 P Provisional							
Source : Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.							