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<b>Content</b>	<p>Background- Adolescent health needs and expectations are unique and routine health care services fail to provide them. Focus groups aimed to gather perspectives of community stakeholders, obtain qualitative data for clearly understanding priority concerns of adolescents in rural communities to direct appropriate interventions Methods – With a pre-tested, semi-structured guide, Focused group discussion was conducted in rural community of Salod village, central India, wherein 14 girls, aged 16-19 years participated. Discussion in local language, led by trained moderator, lasted for approximately 1 ½ hour. Video-recording was done and notes were taken. Data analysis was multi-step, descriptive including data reduction, coding and major themes were identified and analyzed Results- Female adolescents were concerned that they did not receive support from their families as compared to male counterparts regarding education, leaving their home place to pursue higher studies &amp; that there was no autonomy for girls to decide their future. Girls spoke about cultural and family expectations wherein primary responsibility of parents towards girls was to get them married when they come of age. Gender roles and responsibilities in families and communities were patriarchal and discriminatory. Another major concern was fear of violence in public transport and while attending schools. This affected their mental health, confidence and they found themselves vulnerable Conclusion - Greater awareness of health needs of rural adolescents and the influence of gender will help researchers to explore ways in which the unique culture of rural communities can be harnessed to help shape focused interventions.</p>