

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MOBILE DISPENSARY SERVICE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to start Mobile Dispensary Service in the rural and hilly areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the health services in the rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): No such specific scheme is being contemplated by the Government. However, 260 Mobile Leprosy Treatment Units (MLPUs) are functioning under National Leprosy Eradication Programme and 16 Mobile Health Units are functioning under the UNFPA sponsored Indian Population and Development Project (IPD).

(d): Government has taken the following steps to improve health care services in rural areas of the country:

Under the State Health Systems Project, Community Health Centres and district Hospitals in some states are being upgraded; under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana/Basic Minimum services Programme, funds are being released for repair and renovation of the public health infrastructure, procurement of drugs, consumables, and contingencies etc; With financial support for UNFPA, area development Projects are being implemented in certain states for strengthening the delivery system; Under the Reproductive & Child Health Programme, Provision of equipments, medicines and vaccines; Repair and construction of OT/Labour Room/upgrading of water & electric supply; Financial assistance for contractual , appointments/hiring of technical personnel; and Skill training of health functionaries etc. is being taken up.