

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

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HEALTH IN THE CONCURRENT LIST
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware that due to poor health care services in various parts of the country many precious lives are lost every year;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether there are persistent demands to include `Health` in the concurrent list to monitor the Health services in various States; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored National Health Programmes for control of major diseases like Malaria, TB, Blindness Leprosy AIDS and Cancer. As a result of implementation of National Health Programmes, morbidity and mortality due to various diseases has reduced considerably. Central and State Governments are making every effort for providing better health care services particularly for the poor and disadvantaged. To enable the States to fill critical gaps in providing health services to the people, external assistance has been availed of by the Central Government for National Health Programmes. Further, Secondary health facilities are being upgraded in 7 selected States to improve delivery of health care services with World Bank assistance. Funds are also provided under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) for improving the functional status of the rural primary health care institutions.

(c)&(d): No such specific demand has been made. Monitoring of the Centrally Sponsored National Health Programme is done through regular performance reports, review meetings both at the Centre and States, audit reports and utilization certificates.