

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3996

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MODERN FACILITIES OF TREATMENT TO POOR PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that poor people particularly from rural and distant places have to travel to capital cities of their respective States and also to Delhi for treatment of serious ailments;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to make special allocation for strengthening district and State level hospitals with all modern facilities for the benefit of the poor patients ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to pay special attention to provide medical facilities in rural areas;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether any steps have been taken to modify the Primary Health Centres and the Community Health Centres.in this regard; and
- (h) if so, the efforts made by the Government to provide uniform medical facilities to urban and rural people during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government seeks to set up 6 AIIMS like institutions all over the country, and upgrade 7 existing State institutions to AIIMS like facility, to improve availability of tertiary healthcare services. District and State level hospitals are being strengthened under the State Health System Development Project and various Donor funded Programmes like Reproductive and Child Health Programme, NACO and National Programme for Control of Blindness.

(d) Not applicable.

(e), (f) and (g) Yes Sir, a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched by the Hon`ble Prime Minister on 12.4.2005 for the entire country, with special focus on 18 States. The NRHM aims at strengthening primary level health care facilities in rural areas. It proposes to upgrade 2000+ Community Health Centres to Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS) in a phased manner. It also seeks to provide Mobile Medical Units to improve outreach services in remote areas.

(h) A significant contribution has been made towards providing uniform facilities in urban and rural areas through the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme. Under RCH an amount of Rs.10.00 lakh per district has been released to all the States for undertaking minor repairs and maintenance of buildings, especially for operation theatre, labour room etc.