

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

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STANDARDISATION OF MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the health care sector faces many challenges viz., to find solutions to deal with deadly diseases, to provide health services at reasonable costs to the poor etc. ;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up an institute for the standardization of instruments used for medicinal and surgical purposes to improve the quality of medical services ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to create `Medical Kiosks` in the country which would be within the reach of the common people, especially the rural Indians; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. To provide accessible affordable ,accountable, effective and reliable primary health care especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population, the Government has launched a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) on April, 2005. The Mission seeks to provide effective health care services for all by improving access, enabling community ownership and demand for services, strengthening public health systems for efficient services delivery, enhancing equity and accountability and promoting decentralization.

The key components of the Mission are the following:

- Creation of a cadre of 2.5 lakh voluntary, female Accredited Social health activists (ASHA) at village lever in four years- 8 EAG States, J&K and Assam.
- Creation of village health teams and preparation of village Health Plan-All States.
- Strengthening Sub-centres with United Funds of Rs.10,000/- per annum - All States
- Stengthening of Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS).
- Raising 2000+ CHCs to the level of IPHS - All States
- Integrating vertical health and family welfare programmes and Societies under NRHM at National, States and District lever - All States.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to set up an Institute for the standardization of instruments used for medical and surgical purposes to improve the quality of medical services. Standards/specifications of various instruments used for medical and surgical purpose are laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

(e) & (f): There is not proposal in this Department to create `Medical Kiosks` in the country.