

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:150

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SECOND PHASE OF RCH PROGRAMME

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

(a) whether the Government has approved any guidelines for implementation of a National Strategy for Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health under the second phase of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) programme as reported in The Hindu dated January 1, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States which have accepted the said strategy;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the national strategy; and

(e) the assistance proposed to be provided to State Governments to reorganize the primary health care level to cater to the needs of adolescents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 150 FOR 1ST MARCH, 2006.

The Government have approved a National Strategy for Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health as part of Reproductive and Child Health Phase II Programme which commenced in April, 2005.

The Strategy highlights the need to create awareness and a supportive environment for improving health seeking behaviour of adolescents. It focuses on an awareness generation communication programme and a service delivery mechanism for providing Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Services through the existing public health system.

The National RCH-II Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Strategy has been adopted in almost all States RCH-II Programme Implementation Plans. The States have been provided funds to implement the approved state specific components.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the National Strategy, a National Consultation was held from 02nd to 05th September, 2005, in which a wide range of stakeholders including State Governments participated.

A need for detailed implementation guide for operationalising the National Strategy was felt during the discussion in the National Consultation. A detailed Draft Guideline has been prepared which will be shared with the stakeholders after approval of the competent authority.