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COMMON REVIEW MISSION FOR NRHM

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Common Review Mission (CRM) to review the implementation of the programmes launched under the National Rural Health Mission as reported in the Hindustan Times dated March 12, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the CRM has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the findings of the CRM Report; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on the suggestions/recommendations made by the CRM?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Common Review Mission (CRM) of NRHM was set up as part of the Mission Steering Group's mandate of review and concurrent evaluation. It conducted its appraisal in November 2007, 16 months after NRHM got final cabinet approval in July 2006 and the actual processes started up. The terms of reference set out the task of the NRHM CRM as, assessing the progress of the NRHM on 24 parameters, which relate to the core strategies and the central areas of concern. Based on these, the CRM was mandated to identify the constraints being faced and to make recommendations on the areas that need strengthening and course correction. The Review Mission was made up of 52 members- central and state health government officials and public health experts. After a one-day orientation briefing by the various divisions at the ministry in Delhi, the team divided into 13 groups and left for the selected states: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

At the state level, there was an initial one-day briefing, after which the team divided into two groups and each went to visit one or two districts. The district visits lasted two to three days and the appraisal was done using a protocol that indicated the minimum number of each type of facility (and villages) that should be visited and the thematic areas that must be covered in the inquiry. Upon returning to the state headquarters, there was an interaction with civil society groups, after which the reports were finalised. Finally, the common review mission teams presented their observations and findings to the host state department heads and NRHM facilitation teams for their feedback.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. CRM has submitted its report which is available on this Ministry's website at <http://mohfw.nic.in/NRHM.htm>.

(e) The copy of the CRM report of NRHM has been forwarded to all the 35 States/UTs for follow up action.