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DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS UNDER RURAL HEALTH SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of developmental works undertaken under Rural Health Scheme in Punjab and Bihar alongwith benefits accrued as a result thereof, till date;
- (b) whether some schemes have not been successful in these States;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and response of Government thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken for the successful implementation of the same?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched by the Government on 12th April 2005, to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality health services to the poorest households in the remotest rural regions. Under NRHM, 18 states including Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Orissa and Rajasthan, eight North-East States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir were classified as special focus States.

The thrust of NRHM is on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system. NRHM facilitates simultaneous action on collateral determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition, etc. Under NRHM Institutional integration has been carried out in the health sector and performance is measured against Indian Public Health Standards which have been prepared for all health facilities.

NRHM has shifted the focus from narrow schemes to a functional health system at all levels and provides broad flexibility for decentralized planning to states. The annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) of states reflect the local needs along with the key strategies detailed in the approved Framework for Implementation of NRHM. The various strategies of NRHM are progressing satisfactorily in the states of Bihar and Punjab. The Government ensures continuous handholding of various initiatives undertaken by the states. The performance is monitored through a regular MIS, concurrent thematic evaluations by independent agencies and community monitoring.

Both Bihar and Punjab have undertaken comprehensive rejuvenation of the health sector infrastructure and augmented critical Human Resources through contractual appointments. The reach, range, quality and utilization of health services in Public sector has improved substantially in both the states since the launch of NRHM.