

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:184

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2005

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION

Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the ambitious National Rural Health Mission as a comprehensive rural health care programme to provide integrated health care services to the people especially to the rural poor;
- (b) if so, the main aims and objectives of the above programme;
- (c) the details of the plan prepared by the Government to achieve the goal;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to provide adequate health care facilities to the people in hilly and tribal areas of the North-eastern Region;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide medical facilities, treatment and medicines free of cost to BPL families;
- (f) if so, the details of the funds earmarked/released for the purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan, so far State-wise;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to seek external financial assistance to undertake the Mission; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 184 FOR 16TH MARCH, 2005

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the National Rural Health Mission as a comprehensive rural health care programme to provide integrated health care services to the people, especially to the rural poor. The Government aims to launch a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) throughout the country in the next financial year to improve healthcare delivery, to fulfill the mandate of the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP). The 18 States, including 8 EAG States (U.P., M.P., Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh), 8 North Eastern States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura), Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, shall be covered for focused interventions.

(b) The Mission aims to undertake architectural correction of the Health System to enable it to effectively handle increased allocations as promised under the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP). It seeks to address inter-State and intra-district disparity, especially among the 18 high focus States, including unmet needs for public health infrastructure. It aims at effective integration of health concerns with determinants of health, like Sanitation & Hygiene, Nutrition and Safe Drinking Water, through a decentralized District Plan for Health. Above all, it seeks to improve access of rural people, especially poor women and children, to equitable, affordable, accountable and effective primary healthcare.

(c) The key components of the Mission include provision of a female Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) in each village; Village Health Plan prepared through a local team headed by the panchayat representative; strengthening of the rural hospital for effective curative care made measurable through Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS), and accountable to the community; and integration of vertical Health and Family Welfare Programmes and Funds for optimal utilization of funds and infrastructure and strengthening delivery of primary healthcare.

(d) Yes, Sir. 8 States in the North Eastern region viz. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura are among the 18 States selected for focused attention under the NRHM.

(e) The States have been asked to prepare State Action Plans reflecting unmet needs for the Health Sector for funding under NRHM. Proposals for free medical care to BPL families would be funded under NRHM, as reflected in State Action Plans.

(f) No funds have been released under NRHM during the 10th FYP, since it is a new activity, which has been recently sanctioned. State-wise allocations are under finalization.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) The negotiations are on with the World Bank for credit support of Rs. 1575 crores and for Grants-in-Aid support from Department for International Development (DFID) for Rs. 2125 crores for Reproductive and Child Health Programme (2005-10), with the objective to supplement the resources for NRHM.