

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

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HEALTH FACILITIES IN TRIBAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the schemes/programmes formulated by the Government to provide basic health facilities in tribal areas of the country including Gujarat;
- (b) the steps taken by the Union Government towards improvisation as well as infrastructure development and proposal for health insurance coverage for tribal area in the country; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose in the year 2009-10, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) The GoI has operationalised National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for comprehensive rejuvenation of the public health delivery system with special focus on primary health care in remote, rural and tribal areas of the country including the state of Gujarat. The thrust of NRHM is on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system with inter-sectoral convergence at all levels.
- (b) Upgradation of health, infrastructure is one of the core strategies of NRHM and funds are provided for creation of new health facilities as well renovation/upgradation of existing health facilities in all the states. Funds are also made available for equipments, consumables and logistics/management of the facilities. For these innovations under NRHM, funds are allocated in the form of a flexible pool to the states at the start of the year. The programme implementation plan (PIP) prepared by the state through a decentralised planning process are appraised and approved by the national Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) at the level of GoI. The proposals for infrastructure development and health insurance coverage for tribal areas etc are articulated in the annual PIP by the states.
- (c) The allocation under NRHM flexible pool for FY 2009-10 for the states is enclosed as annexure to this reply.