

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

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FUNCTIONING OF NRHM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether most of our villages are outside the purview of medical advancement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether in many States the National Rural Health Mission (NHRM) is not functioning properly/satisfactorily; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): The Government of India has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005 to support all State/UT Governments to rejuvenate the public health system with a goal to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality health services to the remotest and rural regions. Under the Mission, funds are provided to State/UTs, as per their priorities, to strengthen their health infrastructure, improve the availability of human resource and improve the service delivery. All the states are getting assistance under NRHM. Health being the 'State' subject, the implementation of the policies at the ground level and day to day administration is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Governments.