

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR UPGRADATION OF HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to give financial assistance in terms of loan/grants etc. for construction/ maintenance/upgradation of district hospitals and primary health centres in the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government to the States including Orissa during the last one year; and
- (d) the number of proposals still pending with the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (b) : Yes. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched National Rural Health Mission[NRHM] in year 2005 for giving financial assistance for construction/maintenance/ upgradation of district hospitals and primary health centres in the States. The State Governments assess their requirement and reflect the same in the annual Programme Implementation Plan under NRHM. The funds are released to State Governments as per the recommendations of the National Programme Coordination Committee.

(c) : This Ministry has released Rs. 2597.44 crores under Mission Flexipool to the States/UT Governments including Government of Orissa for the Financial year 2008-09.

(d) : Besides annual PIPs, their approval and release of funds, the proposals are received from the State/UT Governments as and when urgency and need is felt as review progress under NRHM is an on-going process. Such proposals as and when received are examined and approved for releasing funds for the approved activities in addition to their annual PIP approvals.