

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HEALTH INFORMATION SURVEY UNDER NRHM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted village Health Information Survey under the aegis of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to prepare a health plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has prepared health plan according to that survey;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), decentralized planning is one of the core strategies. As part of this strategy, village level health plans are envisaged to be prepared after undertaking resource mapping and need/gap assessment at village level. The Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) prepare these plans under the supervision of Village Health & Sanitation Committee.

The Village level plans are envisaged to be collated into Integrated District Health Action Plans (IDHAP) at district level and the IDHAP are used for preparation of Annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) of respective state.

Detailed guidelines in this regard have been issued by the Government and all the states have operationalised the decentralized planning process. The Government has undertaken a series of handholding and mentoring sessions to build capacity for decentralized planning. Under the NRHM, states have also positioned technical experts with skills in computers, data management and accounting etc to help the districts in finalising the decentralized plans.