

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:313

ANSWERED ON:16.04.2010

HEALTHCARE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken effective measures for providing adequate healthcare/medical facilities in the country, especially, in the backward and rural areas under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various components such as health delivery system, primary health care facilities, family planning programme, immunization, ante-natal care, etc. under NRHM have not achieved the desired results in the country especially in the remote and inaccessible areas of Jharkhand and Orissa;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith status thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether some of the States are facing shortage of funds and infrastructure to meet the increasing healthcare needs under NRHM;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 313 FOR 16TH APRIL, 2010

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The National Rural Health Mission is making efforts to provide adequate health care/medical facilities in the Country by strengthening health institutions through improvement of physical infrastructure, provision of human resources, equipments, drugs, emergency transport etc.

(c) The Primary Health Care system in the country had been neglected for decades and it takes time for results to show. Jharkhand and Orissa have also been making efforts to improve their health delivery system especially in remote and inaccessible areas.

(d) The physical progress of the Programme as reported by States/UTs including Jharkhand and Orissa is annexed.

(e) No Madam. While more funds would be needed to provide full infrastructure for primary health care in rural areas, there has not been any shortage of funds for States so far.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.