

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:419

ANSWERED ON:23.04.2010

REVIEW/IMPLEMENTATION OF NRHM

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

- (a) the present status of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the non-availability of essential medicines, diagnostic kits and non-functionality of medical equipment in several Government hospitals in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in the matter;
- (d) whether a review of the progress and implementation of the medical health facilities/schemes/programmes under NRHM in various States was conducted recently; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies noticed?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.419 FOR 23-04-2010

(a): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), launched in April, 2005, provides assistance to State Governments for strengthening the public health system by way of improving health infrastructure, augmentation of human resources and community involvement in delivery of services. So far, under the Mission, 7.49 lakh Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) have been selected and 5.65 lakh trained up to 4th module. 5.19 lakh ASHAs have been provided with drug kits. Nearly 18,776 doctors and 87,973 para-medical personnel have been engaged on contract basis. 40,426 sub-centres have been strengthened with a second ANM. 15,196 health facilities are functioning on 24x7 basis while 2,463 health facilities that include district hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals and community health centres are functioning as first referral units. Rogi Kalyan Samitis are functional in 29,223 health facilities and 4,51,473 Village Health and Sanitation Committees have been constituted.

(b) and (c): Health being a State subject, the State Governments are to ensure availability of essential medicines, diagnostic kits and proper functioning of the medical equipments. However, under NRHM untied funds are provided to sub-centres, Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and district hospitals with flexibility to procure essential drugs and essential equipments as per actual need. Under the Mission, the States also have the flexibility to utilise the funds under Mission Flexipool for annual maintenance of equipment.

(d): The 3rd Common Review Mission under NRHM, which covered 14 States and 3 Union Territories, was undertaken in November 2009. The Review Mission assessed various aspects of health care facilities including the status of diagnostic, logistic and supply chain management.

(e): The findings of the CRM were shared with all the States/UTs in a dissemination workshop. Follow up action on the recommendations made by the Mission are regularly monitored and included as part of the Programme Implementation Plan. Finalisation of essential drugs list, promotion of rational drug use and uninterrupted supply of drugs through proper logistics and supply management are accorded priorities under NRHM.