GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:299
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REVIEW OF NRHM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the working of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the deficiencies noticed during the review of the Mission;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received complaints from some quarters regarding implementation of the Mission;
- (e) if so, the nature of the complaints; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 299 FOR 13TH AUGUST, 2010

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Regular assessment of the performance under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is undertaken through progress reports and periodic review meetings of the State Governments. An integrated web-based Health Management Information System (HMIS) which compiles progress on key parameters has also been operationalised.

The Planning Commission in its Mid Term Appraisal of Eleventh Five Year Plan has also assessed the performance of NRHM and has found the progress is generally satisfactory notwithstanding some suggested areas for improvements.

Performance Audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, Common Review Mission besides external evaluations are also undertaken to various states to assess the progress under the programme.

A summary of the some of the appraisals made on NRHM is annexed.

- (d) No, Madam
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) Government of India is making all possible efforts to speed up provision of quality health services in rural areas through NRHM. Various evaluation reports have been shared with states for corrective actions. Government has also identified 264 High Focus Districts having poor health indicators for focused monitoring.