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HEALTHCARE FOR URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken so far by the Government to provide universal health care facilities in urban areas across the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new scheme for the health care of urban poor;
- (c) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (d) the cities selected along with the fund earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (d) Urban Health component of National Rural Health Mission seeks to provide universal health care facilities in urban areas across the country. On the basis of continuous evaluation of ongoing health schemes, reviewing and revising Health Care Policy is an ongoing process. In this continued effort, to bring renewed focus on Public Health Service delivery for Urban Dwellers, a draft framework on National Urban Health Mission in consultation with all stake holders including State/UTs Government, Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Urban Poverty Alleviation has been prepared. The salient feature of Draft NUHM, beside others, include defining Poor, strategies, institutional arrangement for its implementation, broad norms, financial resource need, appraisal and approval process, role of community organizations, regulation and defining standards and engaging local Health providers.

The framework proposes that cities with more than One lakh population would be covered under above mission. Necessary financial support for the approved activities, taken up by State Government in its implementation would be made available by Government of India with supportive complement from respective State/UTs Governments.