

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

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HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME UNDER NRHM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made provisions in the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for providing health insurance scheme for the poor people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments including Uttar Pradesh to launch health insurance scheme for the families living below the poverty line; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Under the framework for development of Health Insurance Scheme for Below Poverty Line [BPL] families, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare subsidizes the cost of the annual premium up to 75% subject to a maximum of Rs.300 per BPL family for this Scheme. Also Ministry of Labour and Employment launched the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana [RSBY] to cover the unorganized sector BPL workers. Since States started accessing RSBY, demand for support to Health Insurance for BPL from NRHM reduced.

(c) & (d): Only Government of Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan have launched the Health Insurance Scheme for BPL population. No proposal has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.