

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:64  
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009  
HEALTH CARE OF URBAN POOR  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Semmalai Shri S.

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

- (a) whether the Government has addressed the health care needs of the urban poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any programme akin to the National Rural Health Mission for the urban poor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 64 FOR 8TH JULY, 2009

(a) & (b): Yes. Government has been providing assistance for addressing the health care needs of the urban poor under different schemes:

1. As part of urban component of Reproductive Child Health – II under National Rural Health Mission, funds are provided for the improvement of health status of the urban poor through quality integrated primary health care services. Besides, NRHM also provides for strengthening and up-gradation of district hospitals, which is accessed by the urban poor also.
2. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Urban Family Welfare Centres (UFWCs.), urban health services are being provided as a package of reproductive child health programme through a network of 1083 UFWCs.
3. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Urban Health Posts (UHPs), primary health care services are being provided through a network of 871 UHPs.
4. Besides the above, all other National Disease Control Programs cater to the needs of poor persons including the urban poor.

(c) & (d): A proposal in this regard is under consideration. After due deliberation, a decision will be taken in this regard.