

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

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POOR PERFORMANCE ON HEALTH FRONT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 2010 Human Development Report has bad tidings for India for poor performance on the health front;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to bring health services in the concurrent list to ensure the better health services to all; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b) The "Human Development Report 2010", brought out by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) pointed towards prevalence of high inequality in health in the country.

To provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and quality health care services, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population, the Government had launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the year 2005 with focus on under-served population and marginalized groups. The mission covers all rural areas of all states with special focus on 18 states with poor health indices and poor infrastructure.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.