

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4056

ANSWERED ON:03.12.2010

MEDICAL TOURISM

Chaudhary Shri Jayant;Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada;Shekhar Shri Neeraj

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

- (a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation's (NSSOs) 65th round on tourism revealed that 86 per cent of all medical trips in India are made by those living in rural India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NSSO calculated that Indians spent Rs. 23 crores on medical trips within the country in 2008-09 alone;
- (d) if so, whether National Health Rural Mission (NHRM) has actually helped in reducing the lacuna in rural medical infrastructure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c) Yes. As per the National Sample Survey Organisation's (NSSO) 65th round report 'Domestic Tourism in India, 2008-09' released by NSSO, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in October 2010, 86 per cent of the total number of overnight visitor trips for health and medical purpose are made by people living in rural areas.

An estimated amount of Rs. 23197 Crores is spent by the people of India for the purpose of health and medical overnight trips.

(d) & (e) Over the five years period of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), substantial improvement has been made in health infrastructure and manpower. Construction of 9144 new Health sub centre buildings, up-gradation of 8997 sub-center buildings, construction of 1009 new PHC buildings, up-gradation of 2081 PHC buildings construction of 435 new CHC buildings, up-gradation of 1255 CHC buildings, construction of 57 new District Hospitals and up-gradation of 387 District Hospitals have been taken up under NRHM. The health infrastructure has been further strengthened by system of referral transport and Mobile Medical Units. There has been significant augmentation of manpower. 8624 MBBS Doctors, 2460 specialists, 46690 ANMs, 26793 staff nurses have been added to the system under NRHM.