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HEALTH PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive health policy in association with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to equip schools to deal with communicable diseases and other health problems;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the salient features of the said programme;
- (c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith their response thereto; and
- (e) the time by which the said programme is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (b) Under the ambit of National Rural Health Mission and the Reproductive and child health program, the Government has formulated the operational framework for implementing school health programme. The states have been given the flexibility to comprehensively cover all the school going children under the programme. The components of School Health Programme are:

- # Regular health checkups and tracking of school children
- # Screening for eye, skin, hearing, cardiac disease
- # Management of malnutrition, vit. A deficiency, IFA deficiency
- # De-worming
- # Immunization
- # Referral and treatment of major illnesses
- # Improved knowledge about nutrition, puberty, healthy practices and care seeking behaviour,
- # Easy access to hearing and visual aids
- # capacity building of teachers and involved health personnel
- # Monitoring and evaluation

(c) to (e); Under the School Health Programme, the States have developed their state specific plan for its implementation.