

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HEALTH PORTAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has outlined a plan to strengthen delivery of healthcare facilities in the country by setting up a health portal that will store and disseminate all necessary information pertaining to health services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said portal will include the details of every disease and its treatment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the portal's operations have succeeded in running health services for all?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry envisages use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) including health portal to strengthen the delivery of health care and for improving health literacy and awareness amongst the public. The official website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) <http://mohfw.nic.in> disseminates information on various initiatives of the Ministry and programmes like National Rural Health Mission, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme etc. The Ministry has also implemented a web based Health Management Information System (HMIS) which disseminates performance data on key indicators of healthcare delivery. There is also a proposal for development of a National Health Portal to provide health care related information as a single point access for the public. The detail project report has been prepared.

(c) to (e) The website of the Ministry has the "Standard Treatment Guidelines" for major diseases and the treatment protocols, which was evolved in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO). The information on the website of the ministry is available in the public domain which can be accessed by both the health providers and public at large. Further, the website has a link to HEALTHY-INDIA WEBSITE maintained by Public Health Foundation of India which provides information on healthy life style.