

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has been working towards the objectives of achieving higher standards of health for general population of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government during 2010 to obtain its objectives; and
- (d) the details of the new initiatives taken by the Government to obtain the objectives at the earliest?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes. To achieve higher standards of health for people of the country, the Government has launched National Rural health Mission (NRHM). The aim of the Mission is to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to the rural population especially to the vulnerable sections. The Mission also aims at guaranteed service delivery at all health facilities and quantifiable deliverables for all national disease control programs.

To achieve the objectives, the Government has supported the States/UTs in improving health care infrastructure, augmenting human resources, Mobile Medical Units, emergency transport, Capacity Building, training, provision of drugs and equipments through NRHM. In the financial year 2010-11 an amount of Rs.7832.96 crores have been released to the States up to 31st December, 2010 under NRHM for various activities. Under NRHM nearly 8284 MBBS Doctors, 1572 Specialists, 9578 AYUSH Doctors, 26734 Staff Nurses, 53552 ANMs and 18272 Paramedics have been engaged by States on contractual basis.

For focused attention to districts having weak health indicators and high concentration of vulnerable population, 264 High Focus Districts have been identified across the country for supportive supervision and higher allocation of funds to bridge critical gaps especially in infrastructure and human resources.

Government has approved a scheme for establishing 269 ANM/GNM schools in the districts which do not have such facility in the public sector.

Under the programme Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) it has been decided to set up six AIIMS like institutions and upgrading existing 13 medical college institution in the first phase, and two AIIMS like institutions and upgradation of 6 more medical college institutions in the second phase to provide affordable tertiary health care services and quality medical education in the country.