

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

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TREATMENT FOR FATAL DISEASES

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

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure treatment of patients suffering from fatal diseases and availability of drugs and diet to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for providing incentives and to make affordable expensive procedures like cardiac surgeries to the rural and urban poor in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) &(b) : Yes. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched by Government of India in 2005 to support State/UT Governments to rejuvenate the health system to provide quality and affordable health care services to the rural population and to ensure treatment of patients suffering from fatal diseases. Under the Mission, funds are provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health care service delivery system in rural areas. This includes releases of funds for upgradation of district hospitals, Sub Divisional Hospitals, Community Health Centres and other health facilities, procurement of drugs and equipment and engaging manpower. 8284 Doctors and 1572 Specialists have been added under NRHM to ensure availability of health care services.

(c) & (d): Government has provided assistance to states for upgradation of health facilities and engaging specialists to provide affordable treatment. Moreover, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) Government setting up of 6 AIIMS like Institutions and Up-gradation of State Government Medical Colleges have been taken up to provide affordable health care in cases involving expensive procedure.