

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

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

- (a) whether the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) currently employs process indicators, mainly related to infrastructure and personnel, to measure its implementation;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to correlate NRHM inputs with health outputs in order to assess their effectiveness;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Yes. NRHM currently employs process indicators like conversion of District Hospitals (DH)/ Community Health Centres (CHCs) into First Referral Units (FRUs), Primary Health Centre (PHCs) into 24x7 facilities for infrastructure up-gradation; engagement of doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff on contractual basis to fill the manpower gap and completion of training programmes for skill up-gradation and task shifting etc. and monitors the same through Health Management Information System (HMIS) and also Rural Health Statistics bulletin to measure its implementation.

Process indicators are used to measure the skill up-gradation of health manpower through achievement made under various training programs such as Skilled Birth attendant (SBA), Life Saving Anaesthesia Skills (LSAS), ASHA trainings etc.

Further, financial assistance provided to the State/UTs for deploying healthcare personnel on contractual basis, upgradation/renovation of health infrastructure, construction of new facilities, training etc. as per the requirements projected by the States in their annual State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP) which are approved by Government of India.

(c) & (d) Yes, Government has assessed the implementation of NRHM by correlating the inputs with health outputs through surveys such as District Level Households Surveys and other evaluations such as Concurrent Evaluation of NRHM, Annual Common Review Mission (CRM) etc. Government has also approved Annual Health Survey in 9 states, focusing on 284 backward districts to assess the effectiveness of NRHM. This has been taken up by the Registrar General of India.

(e) Does not arise.