

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to carry out the 'Health audit' of the citizens of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c) No, the Government does not plan to carry out health audit of citizens of the country.

Since health is a state subject, the role of Government of India is limited to providing technical assistance, funding support through central schemes, centrally sponsored schemes, national programmes and gap filling as per request of states. The Government is committed to providing quality health care on affordable basis to all citizens of the country and for this purpose, comprehensive rejuvenation of public health system has been undertaken in partnership with states under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). NRHM envisages a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system to provide preventive, promotive and curative services to the community.

The NRHM, inter alia includes protocols for regular Health Management Information System (HMIS), periodic surveys, review missions and social audit of the programmes. The key indicators of the health of the community are derived from these sources.