

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:98

ANSWERED ON:05.08.2011

ALLOCATION/UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding alleged corruption/irregularities/misutilisation of funds allocated for various Centrally sponsored health programmes including the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, and the reasons therefor alongwith the funds allocated and utilized by each State/UT Government for the said health programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, programme-wise;
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government for proper implementation and regular assessment of the various health programmes;
- (d) whether the allocation of funds was reduced on account of slackness in spending the allocated funds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bridge the gap between the spending capacity and budgetary allocation?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 98 FOR 05-08-2011

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), complaints received directly are dealt at the State level in State AIDS Control Societies (SACS). A statement showing state-wise allocation and utilization of funds under National AIDS Control Programme in last three years is placed at Annexure -I. Whenever complaints about NRHM are received, those are immediately brought to the attention of the concerned State / UT Government for necessary action. No specific complaint has been received in respect of other National Health Programmes. Many of the complaints are not processed being anonymous/ pseudonymous as per C.V.C guidelines. A statement showing the Allocation, Release and Utilization under National Rural Health Mission and other National Health Programmes for the F.Ys. 2008-09 to 2011-12 (up to 30.06.2011) is enclosed as Annexure - II.

The Government monitors the implementation and progress of these schemes / programmes in the country through multiple monitoring mechanisms which include, analysis of monthly and quarterly reports, Common Review Missions / Joint Review Missions, periodic team visits / reviews, audit reports, dissemination workshops etc. The Ministry also monitors the utilization of funds through Financial Monitoring Reports, emphasis on conduct of concurrent audits and the review of annual statutory Audit Reports for the States.

States have been able to utilize most of the funds during the period in question. The pace of utilization was slow during the initial years of the implementation of the National Rural Health Mission but improved thereafter. The unspent balances of the funds are carried forward to the next Financial Year and utilized to implement the approved activities. As the absorptive capacities have improved in the States, utilization of funds has shown a commensurate increase. To bridge the gap between the spending capacity and budgetary allocation, a mechanism has been put in place for strict monitoring clearance of unspent balances etc.