

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

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ASSESSMENT/REVIEW OF NRHM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed/reviewed the working of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof alongwith the deficiencies noticed during the review of the Mission;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding implementation of the Mission;
- (d) if so, the nature of the complaints and the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to empower the local bodies for the effective management of the various health schemes in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other steps being taken or proposed to be taken for effective implementation of NRHM in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) Yes, the performance of NRHM has been assessed / reviewed by the concurrent evaluation of NRHM done by International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai and also by Fourth Common Review Mission held from 15th to 22nd December, 2010.

Concurrent evaluation of NRHM was conducted during 2009-10 by IIPS Mumbai with financial support provided by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. It covered 187 districts spread over 33 States/UTs. The outcome of the concurrent evaluation inter-alia indicates considerable progress in the patient's satisfaction level with the services received, increase in IPD and OPD cases. The report reveals that most of the women receive cash incentives within one week of their delivery under Janani Suraksha Yojana(JSY) scheme. However, the evaluation report also inter-alia mentions certain deficiencies in the infrastructure and basic amenities such as water and power supplies, low utilization of untied funds, acute shortage of Specialists in health facilities. The report indicates only 2/3rd of the Gram Panchayats have constituted Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) and preparation of village health action plan is done in only one third of the Gram Panchayats.

The Fourth Common Review Mission of NRHM was conducted in 14 States and one Union Territory. The States & UTs covered by the Common Review Mission includes Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The report of 4th CRM inter-alia outlined the sustained increase in institutional delivery, improvement in availability of drugs, assured referral transport arrangements in many states, availability of laboratory & diagnostic services, increase in case load, rise in health human resources effective involvement of ASHA in health care programmes and progress in setting up of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres(NRC). The report also inter-alia indicates good use of Health Management Information System (HMIS) and substantial improvement in the financial management process.

The Fourth CRM also highlights certain gaps in Infrastructure, human resources especially the shortage of specialists, 2nd ANM and MPW. The CRM also observed the necessity of having proper procurement system in many States and establishment of Laboratory services at peripheral levels at an affordable rate. The CRM also observed the need to expand civil society involvement in ASHA training, VHSC capacity building, community based monitoring and planning.

(c) & (d): Complaints received from time to time, are immediately sent to the concerned State Government for necessary action. In addition, mechanisms like Quarterly Financial Monitoring Reports, Annual Statutory Audits, Concurrent Audit and Visits by the teams of the Financial Management Group of the Ministry to States for periodical reviews are in place for ensuring adherence to financial procedures. Further, deficiencies / shortcomings noticed during the reviews are immediately brought to the notice of the States for remedial action.

(e) & (f) Local bodies like Zila Parishad and Panchayats play a key role in implementation and monitoring of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). At the district level the District Health Mission chaired by Chairman of Zila Parishad, is responsible for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating progress of the Mission. At village level, Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee

(VHSNC) comprising of the Panchayats representatives among others is responsible for preparing village health plan, creating public awareness and ensuring better implementation of activities under NRHM. At the facility level, Rogi Kalyan Samitis (RKS) have members from local Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to ensure accountability of the public health providers to the community, supervise the implementation of National Health programmes, improve participation of the Society in the running of the hospital, ensure scientific disposal of hospital waste and ensure proper use, timely maintenance and repair of hospital building equipment and machinery.