

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:197

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URBAN HEALTH CARE

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to provide accessible, affordable and reliable primary health care facilities to the poor people living in the urban areas across the country;
- (b) if so, the detail thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch National Urban Health Mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the population criteria proposed to be adopted for its coverage; and
- (e) the institutional mechanism envisaged for covering all urban poor in the country?

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. 197 FOR 12TH AUGUST, 2011

(a) & (b): As part of urban component of Reproductive & Child Health-II under National Rural Health Mission, funds are provided for the improvement of health status of the urban poor through quality integrated primary health care services. Besides, NRHM provides for strengthening and up-gradation of district hospitals, which are accessed by the urban poor also.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Urban Family Welfare Centres (UFWCs) and Urban Health Posts (UHPs), urban health services are provided as a package of reproductive & child health programme through a network of 1083 UFWCs & 871 UHPs.

Besides the above, all other National Disease Control Programme cater to the needs of poor persons including the urban poor.

(c) to (e) To address the health concerns of urban population and to bring renewed focus on public health service delivery, there is a proposal for launching National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) in the country. The contours of the Mission will be finalized through wider stakeholders' consultations including State/UT Governments and concerned Central Ministries/Departments and Planning Commission.