

**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) the mechanism set up by the Government to monitor the implementation of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in various States;
- (b) whether the Government has recently assessed/reviewed various projects undertaken by the State Governments under the NRHM;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome therefrom alongwith the irregularities and shortcomings noticed and follow up action taken thereon;
- (d) whether certain States are lagging behind in the implementation of the said Mission;
- (e) if so, the names of such States alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for effective implementation of NRHM in the country?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 199 FOR 12TH AUGUST, 2011

(a) The Government of India has set up a robust monitoring mechanism for implementation of the National Rural Health Mission which includes:

Monitoring through online Health Management Information System (HMIS)

Quarterly Monitoring Reports on performance of NRHM in the State

Monitoring by Regional Evaluation Teams

Quarterly Monitoring Reports on utilization of funds

Periodic visits by Financial Monitoring Group (FMG)

Visits by Joint Monitoring Teams

Annual Common Review Mission

Joint Review Mission

(b) & (c) Government has recently assessed the implementation of NRHM through the concurrent evaluation of NRHM done by International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai and also by Fourth Common Review Mission held from 15th – 22nd December 2010.

The concurrent evaluation of NRHM was conducted during 2009-10 by IIPS Mumbai with financial support provided by Ministry of Health and 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, Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) not constituted by 1/3rd Gram Panchayats etc.

The Fourth Common Review Mission of NRHM was conducted in 14 States and one Union Territory. They include 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 improvement in the financial management process.

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

(d) to (f) Most of the States have shown improvement in the vital health indicators i.e., Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and Total Fertility Rate (TFR). The State wise progress is Annexed.

For effective implementation of NRHM, Government of India reviews the progress of implementation with the State Health Secretaries / Mission Directors from time to time. The deficiencies observed in the periodic reports, field visits and evaluations are brought to the notice of State Governments. Findings of Common Review Mission and Joint Review Mission are also disseminated to the States.