

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

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NATIONAL HEALTH ENTITLEMENT CARD

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to launch a National Health Entitlement Card (NHEC) for every citizen in order to guarantee free essential health care facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including objectives, functions, coverage and likely impact;
- (c) the names of States in which medical insurance to the people in the rural areas has been provided under the National Rural Health Mission in the country so far;
- (d) the number of persons covered under such insurance in various States; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for integrating all Government funded health insurance schemes with universal healthcare and replacement of all health insurance cards by NHEC?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) Medical insurance to the people in the rural areas is not provided under the National Rural Health Mission.
- (e) No such proposal is under consideration by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.