

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

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TREATMENT OF POOR PEOPLE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to relax norms to provide free/subsidised treatment to the poor people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched in the year 2005 with an aim to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to the rural population especially to the vulnerable sections. Under the mission, funds are provided to the States to improve public health facilities where people can avail treatment either free of cost or on nominal charges.

Recently, Government of India has launched 'Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram' (JSSK) under the overall umbrella of NRHM which entitles free delivery including free medicine with zero out of pocket expenses to all pregnant women accessing public health institutions. This initiative also provides for free treatment to all new born during the first 30 days from their birth in public healthcare facilities.