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

- (a) whether the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched to bring about improvement in health system and health status of the people in the rural India;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to meet the challenges of regional variation, convergence of different programmes, parallel health systems; and
- (c) the ways of monitoring the system for optimal results and for achieving the goal of health for all?

Answer

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

(a): Yes. Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005 to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population especially the vulnerable sections.

(b): Challenges being faced in implementation of NRHM due to regional variation, convergence of different programmes, parallel health systems, are being addressed through suitable policy interventions like.

The provision of flexible financing and decentralized planning under NRHM allows states to priorities activities as per their felt needs to meet the challenges of regional variation. States prepare their Annual Programme Implementation Plan(PIP) which is approved by the Government of India on the recommendation of National Programme Coordination Committee(NPCC). Funds are released for taking up the approved activities

The Government has identified a group of 264 backward districts across the country based on poor health indicators, concentration of SC/ST population and the districts affected due to social imbalances.

NRHM programme has the mandate of convergence with the health related activities of other departments/Ministries, viz. Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Drinking Water, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Department of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) etc. to have more thrust on their implementation.

NRHM provides a horizontal platform for integration of a number of disease control programmes.

Mainstreaming of AYUSH is an important objective of NRHM.

(c) : Government has put in place elaborate system for Monitoring and Evaluation of NRHM through Annual Common Review Mission (CRM), Joint Review Missions (JRM), Concurrent Evaluation of NRHM conducted by International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, Regular Assessment of NRHM through online Health Management Information System (HMIS), National Level Reviews with State Officials etc. for achieving the optimal results and goals of health for all.