

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

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

- (a) whether the National Health Policy of 2002 and the priorities set in the successive five year plans provide the framework for the implementation of policies and programmes of health care;
- (b) if so, the reasons for failure of Government in providing curative health to the rural as well as urban poor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Central Government to establish new infrastructure in deficient areas and upgrade existing infrastructure in order to achieve the targets set in successive five year plans?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) Implementation of policies and programmes of health care are guided by the National Health Policy (NHP) 2002 and the priorities set in the successive five year plans. These initiatives have been successful in impacting social health indicators like Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) which has declined from 301 per one lakh live births during the period 2001-03 to 212 per one lakh live births during 2007-09. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has declined from 57 per 1000 live births in 2005 to 47 per 1000 live births in 2010. Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined from 2.9 in 2005 to 2.5 in 2010.

(c) The Central Government has taken several steps to establish new infrastructure in deficient areas and upgrade existing infrastructure in order to achieve the targets set in successive five year plans, which inter-alia, include:

# Strengthening of primary healthcare infrastructure under National Rural Health Mission

# Setting up of AIIMS like institutions, along with upgradation of government medical colleges through PMSSY

# Upgradation/strengthening of State Government Medical Colleges

# Redevelopment/Up-gradation of hospitals/institutions.