

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

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

- (a) whether any Rural Monitoring Cell has been constituted to monitor the functioning of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the contribution, cooperation given by Gram Panchayats in monitoring of the mission and the details of the measures taken for ensuring the best operation thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), State and District Health Missions are constituted under the Chairpersonship of Chief Minister and Chairpersonship of Zila Parishad respectively to review the progress of implementation of NRHM from time to time.

(c) Under the NRHM, Gram Panchayat Pradhan/Sarpanch, the ANM, a few Village Health, Sanitation & Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) representatives are responsible for Gram Panchayat Health Plan. They also support the VHSNC in their functions. VHSNCs are setup to promote decentralized planning process, to monitor the healthcare needs, coverage, access and quality of services and maintain Village Health Register.

Representatives of Gram Panchayat are also members of VHSNC. Untied grants are provided to each VHSNC for its functioning and States have been advised to open a joint account with ANM at Sub-Centre and Sarpanch/Pradhan pertaining to that village.