

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

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PERSONS BENEFITED UNDER NRHM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to relax the eligibility conditions for those persons who are set to benefit under the National Rural Health Mission;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to relax the eligibility conditions to make it beneficial to the poor farmers, landless, poor persons and all the persons living in the rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): The Government is committed to providing quality health care on affordable basis to all citizens of the country and for this purpose, comprehensive rejuvenation of public health system has been undertaken in partnership with states under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

NRHM seeks to ensure accessible, affordable and accountable quality health services to the poorest households in the remotest rural regions. Under the NRHM, difficult areas with unsatisfactory health indicators were classified as special focus States to ensure greatest attention where it is needed. The thrust of the Mission is also on inter sectoral convergence at all levels, to ensure simultaneous action on a wide range of determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition, social and gender equality.

The services rendered through the health facilities are for each and every citizen of the country and special efforts are made to ensure service delivery to the poor farmers, landless poor persons living in remote rural areas of the country.