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NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether irregularities have been noticed in the implementation of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the corrective steps taken and proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (d) whether Planning Commission has conducted any evaluation report on NRHM; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is being implemented since April 2005. The NRHM seeks to undertake comprehensive reforms in health sector in partnership with states and improve health care services in the entire country with special focus on primary health care in rural areas.

The Government has operationalised a multipronged monitoring protocol to check for any irregularities in the implementation of NRHM. As part of this protocol, regular web based Management Information System (MIS), regular state review visits, periodic surveys, community reports are collated to check for areas of improvement in the implementation of NRHM. The corrective steps, if any, are appraised & approved as part of the Annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) of respective states.

The Planning Commission has undertaken periodic evaluations of NRHM in the past and concurrent evaluation of NRHM is presently underway in selected states. An evaluation study was carried out in states of AP, UP, Rajasthan, Bihar where it was noted that the progress across the states is uneven and different states were performing differently on various parameters. The study noted that the institutional framework of NRHM was in place and hope has been generated for rural health infrastructure in the country.