

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

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PUBLIC HEALTH CADRE

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to link public health initiatives such as a separate public health cadre and a public health act for the disbursement of funds under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof mentioning there in the pros and cons of this;
- (c) the role of the State Governments in this regard;
- (d) whether the State Governments had agreed to the proposal; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No.

(c) to (e): 'Public Health' is a State subject. Therefore, creation of a public health cadre essentially lies in the domain of State Governments. Nevertheless, in order to promote health system reforms, States which do not have a public health cadre, can claim an incentive of upto 10% of the State outlay under NHRM by creating a separate public health cadre.