GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE NAXALITE AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided adequate medical facilities in the Naxalite affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the immediate medical treatment is provided to the persons injured in the terrorists attacks in the said areas;
- (d) if so, the number of such injured persons given treatment during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise including Odisha;
- (e) the number of complaints received by the Government for providing inadequate medical services to the injured persons in the terrorists attacks during the said period, State-wise along with the action taken on such complaints; and
- (f) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate medical facilities in the Naxalite affected areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) to (d) 'Public Health' is a State subject and the primary responsibility of providing adequate medical facilities and medical treatment to persons injured in terrorist attacks in the State including in the naxalite affected areas is that of the concerned State Governments. The Government does not have details of number of persons injured in terrorist attacks or treatment provided to such persons. Details of public health facilities available in 9 naxal affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal as per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2011 are Annexed.
- (e) No complaints have been received in the Ministry about providing inadequate medical services to the injured person in the terrorist attacks.
- (f) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), flexible funds are provided to the State Governments as per the requirement projected by the State Government in their Annual State Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) in the following primary areas:
- # Health system strengthening including construction and upgradation of physical infrastructure;
- # Augmentation of human resources for health;
- # Supplies and logistics including drugs and equipments;
- # Patient transport including ambulances for emergency response;
- # Mobile Medical Units (MMU) to provide health services in remote and inaccessible areas;
- # Communitization which includes engagement of ASHAs and support to Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees and Rogi Kalyan Samitis;
- # Initiatives in Reproductive and Child Health including Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK);
- # Reducing disease burden with special focus on communicable diseases;
- # Mainstreaming of AYUSH

Above interventions are being made in areas affected by left wing extremism (LWE) as well. In fact, State Governments are asked to accord priority to districts with poor health indicators.