

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

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HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the healthcare delivery system undertaken in the rural areas has achieved the desired targets since the implementation of the National Rural Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on rural healthcare delivery system during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide health insurance cover to the people living in the rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (e) Yes, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has rejuvenated the public health delivery system in states on an unprecedented scale and has progressed as per the approved time line contained in the Framework for Implementation.

The key interventions which have led to the achievement of desired targets include interventions relating to setting up of the institutional framework of NRHM, strengthening of infrastructure (new constructions as well as upgradation and renovation), augmentation of critical human resources (through steps including positioning of contractual persons, multi-skilling of available HR, positioning of over 6.96 lakh trained ASHAs etc), rationalisation of logistics & management (through steps like positioning of programme management units, decentralised procurement protocols etc) and community empowerment (through steps like operationalisation of Village Health & sanitation Committees, Rogi Kalyan Samitis etc).

The statements of state wise expenditure under NRHM during the last three year is placed at Annexure

Health insurance is being utilized in many states for risk pooling and as a health financing tool. Under the NRHM, insurance models proposed by the states in their Annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) are appraised and approved by the National Programme Coordination Committee. At the National level, the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana provides health insurance cover to the eligible citizens including those living in the rural areas.