

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to address the issue of merging of diverse determinants such as social and gender inequality with the decentralized health delivery system through the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), intersectoral convergence is one of the core strategies. The thrust of the Mission is on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system with inter sectoral convergence to ensure simultaneous action on a wide range of determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition, social and gender equality.

The institutional framework of NRHM comprises representatives of the departments which handle the associated subjects. This ensures synergistic planning, implementation and monitoring of programmes which impact health of citizens.

NRHM also envisages sector wide sharing of resources and skills across various programmes and key roles have been built for the Aanganwadi worker, school teachers and other workers for various programmes under the NRHM. Under the Village Health & Nutrition Day, multi-sectoral awareness activities are undertaken.