

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to operate mobile medical units for examination and treatment of children upto the age of six years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has rolled out the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), a Child health screening and early intervention services under the National Rural Health Mission. The programme proposes to cover children in the age group of 0-18 years including children upto age of six years.

The child health screening services will be provided through dedicated mobile health teams placed in every block. The block level dedicated mobile medical health teams would comprise of trained doctors and paramedics.

The teams will screen children in the age group 0 – 6 years at Anganwadi centres besides screening of all children enrolled in Government and Government aided schools from class 1 to 12.

The newborns will be screened for birth defects in health facilities where deliveries take place and during the home visits by ASHA.

An estimated 27 crore children in the age group of 0 to 18 years are expected to be covered in a phased manner.

(b) & (c)

The purpose of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) is to improve survival, development and quality of life of children in the age group of 0 to 18 years through early detection of Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, Development Delays including Disability and follow-up management.

RBSK envisages to cover 30 common health conditions prevalent in children for early detection and free intervention and treatment.

There is a provision for District Early Intervention Centres at the district level for management of cases referred from the blocks and further referral to tertiary level health services in case of need.

Existing services offered by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Social Justice and Empowerment and Education will also be optimally utilized.

All States and UTs are proposing for RBSK implementation in respective annual Programme Implementation Plan under National Rural Health Mission for FY 2013-14.