

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING HEALTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for evaluating and assessing the health services of a country for inclusion in the annual World Health Statistics (WHS) report;
- (b) whether India ranks 112th in the list of 190 countries as per the WHS report, 2011;
- (c) if so, the reasons for such a low ranking in the WHS report along with the reaction of the Government thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the ranking of India in the annual WHS report during the coming years?

Answer

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

(a): World Health Statistics report brought out by WHO provides annual compilation of health-related data for its Member Countries. Indicators are included in the report on the basis of their relevance to global public health; the availability and quality of the data; and the reliability and comparability of the estimates.

(b) to (d) : World Health Statistics (WHS) report, 2011 does not provide ranking of the countries. However, in order to strengthen and improve health services, the Government launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005 which seeks to improve the availability of and access to quality health care. NRHM lays emphasis on providing accessible, affordable, accountable, effective, reliable, and quality primary health care especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population through improved hospital care, improve intra and inter-sectoral convergence, creation of a cadre of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), and effective utilization of resources.