

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

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HIGH FOCUS DISTRICTS UNDER NRHM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified certain High Focus Districts across the country for supportive supervision and high allocation of funds to bridge critical gaps under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the names of such districts, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria adopted by the Government for selecting the High Focus Districts; and
- (d) the details of works which have been carried out during each of the last three years and the current year in the above districts and the outcome so far, District-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

- (a) to (c) Under National Rural Health Mission, earlier 264 districts were identified based on DLHS-3 (2007-08) data. Now, 184 priority districts have been identified based on the results of recently released Annual Health Survey in Nine Empowered Action Group (EAG) States and available DLHS 3 data. The priority districts have been identified by their relative rankings within a state. Using a composite index, bottom 25% of the districts in each state have been identified as high priority districts. Beside this, tribal districts falling in the bottom 50% of the districts in a state have also been included. The list of high priority districts is annexed.
- (d) This is a recent initiative under National Rural Health Mission. The additional resources and priority attention is being paid to these districts for strengthening all the interventions related to mother and child health care. These districts are being monitored intensively through Health Management Information System, technical assistance and regular field visits.