GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the health-care schemes in Orissa under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) are not satisfactorily implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether special assistance has been provided to the Orissa Government for setting up of medical facilities in Khruda and Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) areas during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The state has satisfactorily implemented the various strategies under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

Under the NRHM, each district prepares an Integrated District Health Action Plan based on local needs, resources, socio-epidemiological profile and capacity. The plan includes proposals for rejuvenation of the health system to respond to the district specific needs. The respective district plans are compiled into a State Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) which is presented before the National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) at Gol level for appraisal and approval. Funds are released to the state health society on basis of the approved plans.

The state PIPs include proposals for special assistance for setting up health facilities in the underserved areas of the states. The Annual PIP of the state of Orissa inter alia containing the proposals for the Khurda and Lakahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of the state has been appraised and approved by the NPCC during the past three years.

During the last three years, the state plan has included initiatives like selection of ASHAs, upgradation of health infrastructure including Mobile Medical Units, maintainence of cold chain and purchase of equipments for various levels. The state has also taken up recruitment of health human resources and improvement in logistics & supply chain management protocols to improve the functionality of health facilities. As per the latest report, 43,846 Village Health & Sanitation Committees (VHSCs) have been constituted, Rogi Kalyan Samiti are operational at 32 District Hospitals,231 Community Health Centres (CHCs) and 117 Primary Health Centres (PHCs).A total of 48 PHCs have been strengthened in the state with three Staff Nurses.37,510 Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) have been selected in the state and provided with drug kits. All the 6,688 Sub-centres are functional with an ANM and 703 Sub-centers (SCs) are strengthened with 2nd ANM.

Under NRHM, several initiatives have been taken up to improve the health situation in the KBK areas. This includes provisioning of incentives for contractual medical and non medical staff, Mobile Medical Units and ambulance services, accelerating the operationalisation of First Referral Units etc.