

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

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DISBURSAL OF FUNDS UNDER NRHM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to link public health initiative such as a separate public health cadre and a public health act to the disbursement of funds under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the States thereto;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to cut funds allocation to underperforming States and give incentives to high performing States under NRHM;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed by the Government to improve/rationalise the disbursement of funds to the States/UTs under NRHM?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Public Health is a State subject. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), financial support is provided to the states /UTs to strengthen their health care system. Further under NRHM, an incentive of 5% of the total outlay for the state is provided to states/UTs for creation of a Public Health Cadre, which do not have it already. No state has claimed incentive for this reform so far.

(c) & (d): A provision of incentives/disincentives for good/indifferent performance has been introduced under the NRHM. Sector wide reforms in areas such as responsiveness, transparency and accountability, policy and systems to provide free generic medicines to all in public facilities, quality assurance, Inter-sectoral convergence, state providing more than 10% increase in its annual health budget, creation of a public health cadre etc would attract additional allocation. On the other hand, failure to implement key conditionalities such as rational deployment of health human resources, implementation of free entitlements under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram etc may lead to reduction in allocation.

(e): The Government has recently revised the formula for allocation of funds to state/UTs under NRHM flexi pool to make it more rational. The revised formula inter alia provides some weightage to the geographical area of the states besides size of the population.