

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

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EXPENDITURE SHARING FORMULA UNDER NRHM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding change in expenditure sharing formula between them for 108 centres to be set up in the State under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in clearing the pending proposal in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A proposal was received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for revising the sharing pattern viz 90:10 between Government of India and the State Government even for operating cost of Dial 108 Ambulance services.

Presently, while the entire capital cost for Emergency Medical Transport Vehicle is admissible under NRHM Flexipool, the operational cost is provided to the States/UTs under NRHM on a declining scale of 60% in the first year, 40% in the second year and, 20% in the third year of operation and thereafter, subject to a cap of Rs. 3 Lacs per year per ambulance for the 12th Plan period.

The request has not been accepted because public health is a State subject. It is necessary to build a strong commitment of the State Governments for developing and maintaining the ERS (Emergency Response Service) in a judicious manner. State Governments are required to raise their plan expenditure to improve health care services and the increase can meet the operational cost of ERS.