

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:239  
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2009  
HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME UNDER NRHM  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether provisions have been made under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to implement Health Insurance Scheme for the poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the States which have sent project proposals seeking funds under the above Scheme during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the amount sanctioned and utilised for the Health Insurance Scheme during the aforesaid period, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received project proposals from State Governments including the Government of Kerala for the launch of Health Insurance Scheme for the BPL families; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 239 FOR 4TH DECEMBER, 2009

(a) to (f): Yes Madam, under the framework for development of Health Insurance Scheme for Below Poverty Line [BPL] Families, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare subsidizes the cost of the annual premium up to 75%, subject to a maximum of Rs.300/- per BPL Family for this Scheme.

Thereafter Ministry of Labour launched the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana [RSBY] to cover unorganized sector BPL workers. Since States started accessing RSBY, demand for support to Health Insurance for BPL from NRHM reduced.

Proposals for funding health insurance for BPL under NRHM were received from Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan. The support provided is as follows:

Year	Proposals received from	Amount Sanctioned [In Crores]	Amount Utilized [In Crores]
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2007-08	Andhra Pradesh	10.00	10.00
	Rajasthan	23.64	23.64

2008-09	Andhra Pradesh	10.00	10.00
	Rajasthan	39.29	26.61

2009-10	Rajasthan	10.00	10.00
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No funds could be released to Kerala for Health Insurance Scheme for BPL families under NRHM, as Government of Kerala also adopted RSBY.