

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGET ACHIEVED UNDER NRHM

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken effective measures for providing adequate medical facilities in the country, especially in the backward and rural areas under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is facing any difficulties in implementing NRHM in the rural areas of the country in view of the fact that some States are not releasing the matching grants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to monitor the ongoing works to achieve the targets set under NRHM; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the achievement of the targets made so far in 2009-10?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) The Government is committed to establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system in all states in the country. For this purpose, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been operationalised with special focus on states with relatively poor health indicators and /or health infrastructure.

The main aim of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. It also aims at bridging the gap in Rural Health care services through creation of a cadre of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and improved hospital care, decentralization of programme to district level to improve intra and inter-sectoral convergence and effective utilization of resources. The NRHM further aims to provide overarching umbrella to the existing programmes of Health and Family Welfare including. Further, it addresses the issue of health in the context of sector-wide approach addressing sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health.

(c) & (d) The Government is not facing any difficulty in implementing the NRHM in partnership with the states concerned. Under the NRHM, a 10 % annual enhancement in the budget for the health sector is envisaged on part of the states.

(e) The Government has operationalised a multipronged monitoring protocol to monitor the activities under NRHM. As part of this protocol, regular web based Management Information System (MIS), regular state review visits, periodic surveys, community reports et al are collated to monitor progress and check for desirable areas of improvement in the delivery of health services. The corrective steps, if any, are appraised & approved as part of the Annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) of respective states.

(f) The statement of achievement of some of the critical activities under NRHM, as reported by the States/UTs is Annexured.