

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2009
BASIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Sule Supriya

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

- (a) the details of the difficulties being faced by the Government in providing comprehensive affordable and accessible quality health care services to the people;
- (b) whether health care sector requires massive investment even to achieve the basic essentials including provision of beds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has obtained any opinion from the experts to address the issue;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government intends to allow public-private participation in health care sector; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 FOR 15TH JULY, 2009

(a) The difficulties being faced by the Government in providing quality health care services interalia include:

1. Inadequate financial resources.
2. Inadequate availability of human resources.
3. Reaching the underserved areas due to various reasons including varying geographical and climatic conditions.

(b)&(c): Yes. The health sector requires massive investment even to achieve the basic essentials including provision of beds. The National Commission on Macroeconomics on Health (NCMH) in its report submitted in 2005 had projected an additional financial resource need of Rs. 74000 crores consisting of an estimated Rs. 33000 crores for capital investment required for building up the health infrastructure; Rs.9000 crores towards premium subsidy to the poor under a mandatory universal social health insurance programme covering the entire country over the next 15 years; and an estimated Rs. 41000 crores for recurring costs towards salaries, drugs, training, research etc.

(d)&(e): Yes. In line with the projections and recommendations of the National Commission on Macroeconomics on Health, the details of which are on the website at <http://www.who.int/publication/en>, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Framework for Implementation has been approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2006. The NRHM Framework provides for an additional investment of Rs. 30000 crores non-recurring and Rs. 36000 crores recurring for a period from 2005-06 to 2011-12.

(f)&(g): The NRHM provides for pro poor partnership with the non governmental sector for promotion of public health goals. More than 200 such innovations have been adopted by States under NRHM through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, majority of which are targeted at the population living below the poverty line. The details of the directory of innovations are available on the website of the Ministry at www.mohfw.nic.in.