

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that medical equipment provided by the Government under National Rural Health Mission are mostly faulty and dysfunctional;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the details of the complaints received from the States in this regard; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c): Public health is a state subject. Under the National Health Mission, financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare system including for medical equipment based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. Medical equipment are largely procured by the State/UTs only under the National Rural Health Mission.

No complaints have been received about faulty and dysfunctional equipment that have been supported under NRHM flexipool.

A survey in 10 districts of five states has revealed that 30% to 63% of biomedical equipment are dysfunctional in public health facilities of the said State Governments. The Central Government has recently provided model Request for Proposal (RFP) document to States to engage an agency for providing timely comprehensive maintenance of medical equipment.