

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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EVALUATION OF COMPUTERISED HMIS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the effectiveness of computerised Health Management Information System (HMIS) in rural health system in the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (b) the measures taken/proposed by the Government for data storage/mapping and surveillance of Primary Health Centres through computerised HMIS system in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes strengthening the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) as a national level institution for carrying out such surveillance to control and prevent malnutrition in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken for ensuring the convergence between various agencies for the purpose?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): No.

(b): The data on Health Facilities including the Primary Health Centres received through the online HMIS is stored, tabulated and disseminated regularly. Ministry of Health and family Welfare has also initiated Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) for detecting and immediately responding to various disease outbreaks in the country.

(c) to (e): National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) has been functioning under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) with the objective to assess diet and nutritional status of different segments of the population in the country and to evaluate the impact of nutritional intervention programmes. The NNMB has been functioning in ad-hoc manner so far. However, a High Level Appraisal Committee of the Department of Health Research has recommended that Permanent Nutrition Field Research Units be established under National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad or at any ICMR Institute to address the regional and State specific Nutrition Epidemiological issues through action oriented research. Periodic review meetings are held with the representatives of States / UTs to discuss the quality of data collected and to further improve the system