

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide a National Health Entitlement Card (NHEC) for every citizen of the country in order to guarantee free essential health care facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the modalities worked out in this regard;
- (c) the time by which these health cards are likely to be issued;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to carry out free medical examination of children belonging to poor families; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): At present, there is no such proposal.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) & (e): Under the National Health Mission, support is being provided to States for provision of affordable health care services to all those who access public health facilities and the following are the national level initiatives for which support is being provided to States/UTs for healthcare of children:
 - (i) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK): Under this, support is being provided to States/UTs for free Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services through early detection and early management of common health conditions classified into 4 Ds i.e Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, Development delays including disability. Treatment including surgeries at tertiary level is free of cost under this initiative.
 - (ii) The Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK): This initiative for adolescents goes beyond addressing sexual and reproductive health and introduces focus on nutrition, sexual & reproductive health, injuries and violence (including gender based violence), non-communicable diseases, mental health and substance misuse.