

Programmes for Maternal and Child Health through the mass media as also decentralised local specific activities at the grass root level.

12. Involvement of NGOs in awareness generation and service delivery where government services are not adequate.
13. Training of medical/paramedical and other service providers.
14. Training of Dais.

The need for bringing down MMR considerably and improving maternal health in general, has been strongly stressed in the National Population Policy—2000, which has recently been approved by the Government. This policy recommends a holistic strategy for bringing about total inter-sectoral coordination at the grassroots level and also for involving the NGOs, civil society, Panchayati Raj Institutions and women's groups in bringing down MMR and Infant Mortality Ratio.

Filling-up of Posts in KVS and NVS

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SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided recently that the two top posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti would be filled by central Staffing Scheme, rather than through Direct Recruitment, thereby rendering eminent educationists ineligible for these posts and making it easier to handpick favourites; and
- (b) if so, the reasons and justification, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.