

(a) whether it is a fact that the present health care system in the country is getting out of reach of common man and steps need to be taken for comprehensive and urgent reforms in it;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has formulated a proposal to set up a National Public Health Board in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outlines of this proposal and by when it is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (b) No. The primary health care facilities are available in rural areas, to serve the vulnerable section of the society, through a network of Sub Centres [SCs], Primary Health Centres [PHCs] and Community Health Centres [CHCs]. These health centers are set up by the State/UT Governments based on population norms, case/work load and accessibility. Government of India has launched the National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] in 2005 to support State/UT Governments to rejuvenate the public health system to provide quality and affordable health care to rural population. Under the Mission, funds are provided to State/UTs to strengthen their health infrastructure, improve the availability of human resource and improve the service delivery.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Branch of NICD at Gujarat

1261. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to set up a branch of National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) at Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): There is no proposal to set up a branch of National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) in Gujarat.

Mother-Child Welfare Programme under NRHM

†1262. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

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

(a) whether it has been suggested to the State Government of Rajasthan to work out a special scheme in order to run Mother-Child welfare programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) effectively;

(b) if so, the outline of this scheme;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.