

Whenever OMCs receive complaints of deliberate delay in refill supplies, these are investigated. If the complaint is established, action is taken against the erring LPG distributor in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship Agreement.

Healthcare system in the country

*182. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to an international survey, India's healthcare system fails miserably on almost all parameters in comparison to many developed or developing nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that the healthcare system in rural areas of the country is pathetic and needs improvement; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to develop the overall healthcare infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) A study by Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) & HOSMAC India Private Limited has reported lower performance of India as compared to six other countries on certain selected parameters. The countries covered in the study are India, Singapore, Brazil, UK, USA, UAE and China. The parameters studied were Healthcare infrastructure, Healthcare education, Human Resources, Health Insurance and medical equipment.

(c) and (d) Considering the need for improving the healthcare system in rural areas of the country, Government of India has launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the year 2005 with an aim to provide accessible affordable quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable sections. Over the five years period of NRHM, substantial improvement has been made in health infrastructure and manpower. 9144 new Health sub-centre buildings, up-gradation of 8997 sub-center buildings, 1009 new PHC buildings, up-gradation of 2081 PHC buildings, 435 new CHC buildings, up-gradation of 1255 CHC buildings, 57 new District Hospitals and up-gradation of 387 District Hospitals have been taken up. The health infrastructure has been further strengthened by system of referral transport and Mobile Medical Units.

During the period 2005-10, 8624 MBBS Doctors, 2460 specialists, 46660 ANMs, 26793 Staff nurses, 7692 AYUSH doctors, and 3143 AYUSH paramedics have been added to the system under NRHM.