

(c) whether Government would consider providing the component of 5 per cent of the total NRHM allocation presently set apart for NGOs to Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes. The Framework for Implementation of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) provides for involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the implementation of NRHM. District Health Mission under the chairmanship of Chairman Zilla Parishad is responsible for preparing district level plans and their implementation. PRIs have also been given important role in Rogi Kalyan Samitis constituted for the health facilities at various levels. At the village level, the Village Health and Sanitation Committees is entrusted with preparation of village health action plans. The guidelines issued by this Ministry state that ideally the sarpanch of the elected Panchayat should chair the VHSC. If the gram Panchayat is made of more than one village, the representing Panchayat panch should chair the VHSC. If there is a health sub-committee of the elected gram Panchayat body that is active then all those members should come into the VHSC so that there is no duplication and the decisions of the VHSC are binding on them. Panchayat members are also involved in selection of ASHAs.

(c) Under NRHM, funds are not set apart specifically for the NGOs. The States/UT Governments make provision for providing public health care delivery services on the basis of their specific local needs and incorporate such proposal in their Annual Programme Implementation Plan.

Opening of super speciality hospitals in Himachal Pradesh

†2225. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open hospitals on the line of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and PGI, Chandigarh in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. However, Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda in the State of Himachal Pradesh has been taken up for upgradation under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksh Yojana (PMSSY). Concept plan for the upgradation project has been approved by the Project Management Committee (PMC) of PMSSY in its meeting held on 25.10.2010.

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