

#### **Setting up of hospitals under NRHM**

2272. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to constitute the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to overcome the deficiency of health professionals especially in rural areas in Odisha;

(b) whether there is a any proposal with Government to set up fully equipped hospitals under this scheme in all rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) Government of India has already launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the 2005, to address the challenges in delivery of Public Health care services including overcoming the deficiency of health professionals in entire country which includes rural areas in Odisha.

(b) to (d) Under NRHM, all State/UT Governments project their felt needs and incorporate their requirements of funds including setting up and augmenting the PHCs, CHCs and District Hospitals in the annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). The proposals are approved by the Government of India based on the recommendations of NPCC and funds are released to the State/UT Governments for taking up of these activities.

#### **Shortage of doctors due to brain drain**

2273. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing acute shortage of doctors due to brain drain of doctors;

(b) if so, the reasons for shortage and for brain drain of doctors;

(c) whether there is any need of policy intervention to ensure stay of India's physicians at home; and

(d) the steps Government is taking to produce more number of doctors in India and the incentives Government is providing to doctors working in rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the shortage of doctors in the country which has been caused by various factors including brain drain.

(c) In order to check brain drain in respect of doctors working under Government Sector, the following steps have been taken by the Central Government:—