

**Accessibility to Healthcare Services**

2100. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of poor and under privileged population in the country do not have access to public health centres/facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to take effective steps on improving social determinants and nutrition scenario in order to provide universal access to health services and check health inequalities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched in April 2005 to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable sections. Healthcare services are provided through a network of 148124 Sub centres, 23887 Primary Health Centres, 4809 Community Health Centres and 985 District Hospitals across the country. Apart from this, tertiary care to the people especially the poor and under privileged is provided through the Government Medical Colleges and other super-speciality Hospitals.

(c) and (d) One of the key strategies NRHM is to ensure inter-sectoral convergence with other Ministries dealing with proximate determinants of health like drinking water, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene, literacy especially female education etc. Addressing inequalities through different programmes of healthcare like Janani Suraksha Yojana, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), various National Disease Control Programmes etc. is a major objective of NRHM.

Government is taking effective steps through Schemes and programmes of different Ministries *e.g.*, NRHM, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGND WM) etc. to address the social determinants of health.

**Central Assistance for Family Welfare Scheme in Gujarat**

2101. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of Central assistance allocated to Gujarat for family welfare schemes, during the last three years, yearwise and district-wise, particularly for Patan-Mehsana and Banaskantha;