

Improving quality of health services

†2714. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the quality of health services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to seek assistance from World Health Organization, World Bank and other international agencies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in view of improving quality of health services, Government propose to constitute a new body to help laboratories, drug manufacturers engaged in research work and chemists; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India through various national disease control programmes supplements the efforts of the State Governments to improve the quality of health services in the country. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) aims to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population including SCs, STs and minorities. The NRHM further aims to provide overarching umbrella to the existing programmes of Health and Family Welfare including RCH-II, Malaria, Blindness, Iodine deficiency, Filariasis, Kala Azar, T.B., Leprosy and Integrated Disease Surveillance. Further, it addresses the issue of health in the context of sector-wide approach addressing sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health in order to have greater convergence among the related social sector departments *i.e.* AYUSH, Women and Child Development, Sanitation, Elementary Education, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development.

(c) and (d) The Government of India is regularly getting World Bank assistance for various programmes like Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, Integrated Diseases Surveillance Project and Reproductive Child Health Programme. Assistance from Global Fund is also received for disease control programmes for TB, Malaria and AIDS. The WHO provides technical assistance to the Government of India for various disease control programmes.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

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