

**Healthcare facilities for migrant workers and nomadic tribes**

1021. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps or provisions made for providing healthcare facilities to the migrant workers in Delhi and other metropolitan cities of the country;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure healthcare facilities to nomadic tribes whose number is no less than one and half million; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to issue health cards to persons belonging to both the categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the responsibility of providing health care facilities to all including the migrant workers and nomadic tribes, lies with the State Governments/Union Territories. Under National Health Mission (NHM), comprising of sub missions of National Rural Health Mission and National Urban Health Mission, financial and technical support is provided to States/Union Territories for providing equitable and quality primary health care services.

National Urban Health Mission, which was approved in the year 2013, specially focuses on the slum and vulnerable population with provision of strengthening of health facilities, community outreach through regular and special outreach camps and other interventions. As reported, free healthcare services through the Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres are available for the entire population including migrant workers.

(b) Under National Health Mission (NHM) relaxed norms are applicable for tribal areas based on time to care approach. The identified tribal and LWE districts receive more resources per capita under the NHM as compared to rest of the districts in the State. The special focus districts receive higher per capita funding, relaxed norms, enhanced monitoring and focussed supportive supervision, and encouraged to adopt innovative approaches to address peculiar health challenges.

(c) Currently, the Ministry does not envisage any proposal for issue of health cards.