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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2016

HEALTHCARE IN UTTARAKHAND

1646. MAJ GEN B C KHANDURI AVSM (Retd):

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special programme to provide proper healthcare facilities in the rural/hilly areas of the natural disaster prone State of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (c):   Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide proper healthcare in public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

There is no special programme for State of Uttarakhand. However, hilly States like Uttarakhand enjoy special dispensation within NHM.

- Based on recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the Centre-State funding pattern was revised to 60:40 for all States, except for North Eastern (NE) States and 3 Himalayan States including Uttarakhand, where it was retained at 90:10.
- Further, while allocating resources under NHM, NE States and 3 Himalayan States including Uttarakhand are given a higher per capita weightage of 3.2 under NRHM-RCH Flexible Pool. Thus, these States including Uttarakhand are allocated higher per capita funding under NHM.
- Time to care norm has been approved for setting up a Sub Centre in hilly districts, which is 30 minutes of walking distance from habitation.
- Apart from above, norms under NHM for Ambulances and Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) etc. are relaxed for NE States and 3 Himalayan States including Uttarakhand.

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