GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1299 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2018

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

1299. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

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

(a) whether the Government is likely to rely on private sector for primary healthcare facilities in urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of facilities likely to be provided in the primary healthcare centres by the private sector; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the private sector to provide the healthcare facilities in the primary healthcare centres and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c): The National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), as a sub-mission under an overarching National Health Mission (NHM), was approved on 1st May, 2013 for providing equitable and quality primary health care services to the urban population with special focus on the slum and vulnerable population. 'Public Health' being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare services lies with the respective State Governments. Under National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for operation of health facilities under PPP mode. NHM provides flexibility to the States/UTs for providing healthcare services to the population through its own system or by engagement of private sector as per its need and local requirements.

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