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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3405 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th AUGUST, 2022

INITIATIVES UNDER NHM

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

- (a) the details of various works/initiatives being carried out under National Health Mission in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Government for smooth functioning and grass-root implementation and monitoring of the said scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints of irregularities against senior doctors and other medical professionals in the country and if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of necessary action taken thereupon?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d): The primary responsibility to strengthen the public healthcare facilities and to ensure availability of human healthcare professionals – doctors and other medical professionals in the public health facilities and to take disciplinary actions regarding any complaints of irregularities against them lies with the respective State/UT Governments including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India provides financial and technical support to States/UTs to strengthen their health care systems including augmenting health human resource on contractual basis including support for in-sourcing or engagement of doctors, specialist doctors and other health professionals for provision of equitable, affordable healthcare based on requirements posed by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) and within their overall resource envelope. Various works/initiatives carried out under NHM in the country including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh is as below:

- Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs): 1,50,000 Sub- Health Centres (SHC), Primary Health Centres (PHC) and Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) are transformed into Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to deliver twelve packages of Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which is universal, free and close to the community.
- National Free Drugs Initiative: States/UTs are supported to provide essential drugs based on the level of public health facilities free of cost to all who access these facilities.

- Free Diagnostics Initiatives. (FDI): Under the initiative, support provided to States/UTs to provide a set of essential diagnostics (14 tests at Sub Centre/ Health and Wellness Centre level, 63 tests at PHC/ PHC-HWC level, 97 tests at CHC level, 111 tests at SDH level and 134 tests at DH level) at various levels of care, free of cost.
- National Ambulance Services (NAS) Under the NHM, technical and financial support is provided for emergency medical services in States/UTs through a functional National Ambulance Service (NAS) network linked with a centralised toll-free number 108/102.
- National Mobile Medical Units (NMMU) are supported to facilitate access to public health care at the doorstep particularly to people living in remote, difficult, under-served and unreached areas to provide primary care services.
- The **Janani Suraksha Yojana** (**JSY**) promotes institutional delivery among pregnant women especially with weak socio-economic status i.e. women from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and BPL households.
- Further, initiatives such as Mission Parivar Vikas, Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs), Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS), Menstrual Hygiene Scheme, Facility Based Newborn Care (FBNC), Home Based Newborn Care Program, Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS), Home Based Care for Young Child (HBYC), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Early Childhood Development (ECD), Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC), Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) strategy, Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) program are supported to increase access to quality healthcare services. Support is also provided to strengthen Universal Immunization programme, introduction of new vaccines.
- In addition to NHM, Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), provides health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families in the country as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC).

Various mechanisms exist to assess the grass-root implementation and monitoring of NHM as below:

- Review of key deliverables of Record of Proceedings of previous financial year during the NPCC meetings,
- Annual visits to States by Common Review Mission which looks at financial systems and mechanisms.
- Implementation of Public Financial Management System for monitoring and management of funds.
- Monitoring visits by senior officials of the Ministry.

Further, Government of India also monitors the implementation of NHM through external surveys such as, National Family Health Survey, Annual Health Survey and Sample Registration System.

At the District Level, the DISHA Committees, under the Chairmanship of Member of Parliament, monitor the progress of implementation of NHM. Rogi Kalyan Samitis (RKS) set up at Public Health Facilities from Primary Health Centre (PHC) upwards, as an accountability measure to ensure high quality patient care. Mahila Arogya Samitis for rural and urban areas, facilitate an active role for communities in action for addressing social and environmental determinants of health.