

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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LAUNCHING OF INDIAN PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Indian Public Health Standards for the community health centres to provide expert care and maintain an acceptable standard of quality of care as reported in the Hindu dated April 13, 2005;
- (b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the details of the scheme prepared by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the manner in which the scheme will be implemented ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) No Sir. However, a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched by the Hon`ble Prime Minister of India on 12.4.2005 for provision of comprehensive integrated primary healthcare in the country. One of the important strategies under the Mission is codification of Indian Public Health Standard to ensure minimal quality Hospital Services for every one lakh population.

(b) & (c) The reported news item in Hindu dated 13th` April, highlights the salient features of the Guidelines framed for the IPHS. The NRHM aims at, inter-alia, strengthening of primary level Public healthcare facilities in rural areas mainstreaming AYUSH infrastructure and to upgrade 2000+ Community Health Centres to Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). Draft Guidelines of the IPHS have been framed by a Task Force constituted under the NRHM. These have been shared with the State Governments and other stakeholders for their comments. The IPHS aims at delivery of assured quality services at CHC level, which include routine and emergency care in Surgery, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Paediatrics in addition to all National Health Programmes and Integrated Disease Surveillance Project.

(d) The Mission aims at providing optimal referral and hospital care at CHC level for which funding shall be provided by the Mission, as per the needs reflected in State Action Plans.

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