

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

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PROMOTION OF HEALTH PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has tied up with various Ministries/Departments to promote health programmes under the National Rural Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or schemes prepared by the Ministry in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Yes, Sir. A National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched in this Ministry on 12.4.2005 for the entire country with special focus on 18 States with relatively weaker indicators of health and health infrastructure. Intersectoral convergence is one of the core strategies of the Mission.

(b) & (c) The convergence with related departments is built in into the Institutional framework of the NRHM. The Ministers of related departments like Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Human Resource Development are members of the Mission Steering Group at the GOI level. the state level the ministers of related departments like Women and Child Development, PRI, Rural Development, Tribal Welfare, Urban Affairs, Planning, Finance departments are members of the State Health Mission.

A Task Group on Intersectoral Convergence for NRHM has been constituted in the Ministry. The representatives of related Ministries, such as the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj Department, Department of AYUSH of this Ministry and Ministry of Urban Development are on this task group. The group meets regularly to design strategies for intersectoral convergence and also monitor progress in this regard.