

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to constitute Patient Welfare Committees for all income groups under the National Rural Health Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the facilities proposed to be provided under the said committees; and
- (d) the funds likely to be allocated to Bihar under the said committees and number of locations in the State where the said committees have been constituted?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) One of the strategies proposed under the National Rural Health Mission is to have Hospital Management Society/Patient Welfare Committees at the District and Block Hospitals (CHC) in all the States and UTs.

(c) The primary objective of constituting the Samiti would be to take care of the all round welfare of the patients by providing them access to quality health care at affordable costs at the local health units. The Samiti would also ensure peoples` participation in running the health facility.

(d) The number of Rogi Kalyan Samiti at district level, referral level and PHC level together exceed 600 in Bihar. But these Samitis have not been registered which is a mandatory requirement.

Provision for a grant of Rs.5,00 lakh per District Hospital and Rs. 1.00 lakh per Sub-district Hospital/CHC has been made under the NRHM to augment the corpus of the Society. Such grants would be made available after receiving reports from the State Government about the registration of the Societies.