

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

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NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kerala has not been included in the National Rural Health Mission; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the criteria for inclusion of a state under this Mission?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the entire country, including Kerala. The Mission, however, has special focus on 18 States with weak health infrastructure and demographic indicators. Kerala is not one of the high focus States.