

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NRHM

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has employed financial professionals to monitor use of funds released to States under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details of the number of professionals appointed by the Government, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds released under the NRHM to each State as on April 30, 2006;
- (d) whether the Government has received reports that the implementation of the NRHM is at a slow pace; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the plans to be chalked out speedy implementation of the NRHM?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has adopted a sector wide strategy and has subsumed the second phase of Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme. The Mission envisages augmentation of the programme and financial management capacities at the State and District levels. The Government has issued guidelines to the states to set up Programme Management Units in the state and District headquarters to improve the capacities for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the RCH-II and the NRHM.

The Government has facilitated Six States in establishing the Programme Management Units to serve as a pool of skilled professionals (MBA's, CA's, MCA's) to provide technical support to the State for implementing the programme. The number of professionals appointed by the six states for State and District Programme Management Units are as follows:

Sl.No. State No. of Professional appointed

1	Rajasthan	89
2	Madhya Pradesh	104
3	Orissa	72
4	Chattisgarh	41
5	Jharkhand	48
6	Bihar	41

(c): The state-wise details of funds released for NRHM activities upto April 30, 2006 is enclosed (Annexure).

(d) & (e): There is no report received about the slow pace of implementation of NRHM in the states. Since the launching of NRHM on 12.4.05, the various initiatives under the Mission have been operationalised in the states. The first year was the preparatory phase of the Mission and the pace of progress is as per the timelines under the Mission.