

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

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HEALTH FACILITIES TO URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people living in urban areas of the country are still without basic infrastructure and public health services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Urban Health Resource Centre has urged the Government to include urban poor in the health mission;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to provide health facilities to the urban poor in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Report of the Task Force to advise the National Rural Health Mission on "Strategies for Urban Health Care", 3220 number of primary level health (Urban Health Centres) are required to cover the target population of 220.87 million approximately in the towns having a population of more than one lakh. At the District level, 883 numbers of First Level Health Facilities are required to be set up.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Question does not arise, sir.

(e) Government of India identified Urban Health a thrust area in the Tenth Five Year Plan document, National Population Policy 2000, National Health Policy 2002 and phase-II of RCH Programme(2005). Under Phase -II of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare developed Project Implementation Plan (PIP) for vulnerable groups which also covers-Urban Slum Population. Most of the States have, in their State PIPs, proposed Urban Slum Projects in their States.

A high level Task Force constituted to advise the National Rural Health Mission on "Strategies for Urban Health Care" has submitted its report to the Government. A copy of the report has been circulated to all the States/ UTs and Urban Local Bodies to seek their views/comments /suggestion to enable more effective implementation of Urban Health Programmes.