

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2095 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2014

Utilization of funds by NGOs

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- (a) the details of funds provided along with the utilization reported by the NGOs for implementing various health schemes/ programmes in the country during the last three years; NGO-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether utilization certificates have been received from NGOs and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of these NGOs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith shortcomings noticed by Government and corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): The details of the funds provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, for implementing various health schemes/programmes in the country during each of the last three years is at Annexure – I.

(b): The status regarding receipt of Utilization Certificates is at Annexure-II.

(c): Under different programmes, funds are released to NGOs. Each of the programmes have their own mechanisms to review the Utilization of funds.

Under National Aids Control Programme, a systematic mechanism to monitor the programmatic progress and utilization of grants has been established. An independent evaluation of Targeted Interventions (TIs) by NGOs is conducted to assess the quality and performance of TIs every year. Evaluation is conducted by a team of external evaluators and finance evaluators who assess the TI NGOs on various parameters which determine the continuation or discontinuation of individual TIs. To ensure the effective implementation of the Targeted Interventions, specific operational guidelines have also been prepared for use.

Under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme, the implementation of the project is regularly reviewed through internal evaluations, National Review Meetings and also through review of quarterly reports submitted by the NGOs.

The comments of Mission Director (National Health Mission), of the concerned States are also obtained regarding progress of the work done by Regional Resource Centers (RRCs) before release of subsequent grant.

In respect of Department of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) various projects implemented through NGOs funded are being reviewed from time to time by carrying out inspections/ review meetings etc. Further, M/s Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) have also been engaged for monitoring and evaluation of the projects sanctioned under the Scheme of National Medicinal Plants Board.

In respect of Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) NGO Scheme, the functioning of the grantee NGOs was reviewed from time to time on the basis of Progress Reports, Audited Statements of Expenditure, Utilization

Certificate and track verification report from concerned District Authorities, before release of the next instalment.
(d) : It was felt that it was relatively difficult to monitor the performance of NGOs. Further, the State Government did not always own up the programmes that were implemented by the NGOs through central funding. Therefore, under the National Health Mission(NHM), the NGO guidelines have been revised and with effect from 01.04.2014 the Central Government will support the NGOs only as per the proposals of States through their Programme Implementation Plans(PIPs) and not directly.

In respect of AYUSH, it is stated that wherever shortcomings has been noticed appropriate corrective measures such as withholding/discontinuation of funds imposition of penalties have been taken by the concerned implementing agency.

In respect of Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) NGO Scheme, in order to improve the ownership of States for the interventions under the Scheme, it has been decided to discontinue the extant PNDT-NGO Scheme with effect from F.Y. 2013-14. Instead, the States/UTs have been advised to propose schemes for enforcement of the Preconception & Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act including grants to NGOs for conducting IEC activities in their PIPs of National Health Mission (NHM).