

It is necessary therefore that the thrust of our health and medical programmes, be towards the continuous upgrading and greater provision of health and medical facilities in the rural areas.

8B. I am happy to note that in this respect, Rural Health Research is among the priority programmes of the Institute. I have been informed that this research programme has a multi-disciplinary approach to study the rural community health problems. Not only is study being made on diseases like malaria, filariasis, worm infestations, dental caries, malnutrition