

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) According to CSIR, no research has been carried out on development of Oral Insulin.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Integrated system of Medical Treatment

2669. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to provide good modern allopathy and traditional integrated system of medical treatment to rural areas where nearly 80 crores of people live;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Primary Health Care Services, Reproductive and Child Health and Family Welfare Services are being provided in rural areas through an integrated system of 13711 Sub-centres, 22842 Primary Health Centres and 3043 Community Health Centres and about 21774 I.S.M. & H. dispensaries. Government has taken the following steps to improve health care services in rural areas of the country:

Under the State Health Systems Project, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals in some States are being upgraded; Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana/Basic Minimum Services Programme, funds are being released for repair and renovation of the public health infrastructure, procurement of drugs, consumables and contingencies etc.; With financial support for UNFPA, Area Development Projects are being implemented in certain States for strengthening the health delivery system; Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, Provision of equipments, medicines and vaccines; Repair and construction of OT/Labour Room/ upgrading of water & electric supply; Financial assistance for contractual, appointments/hiring of technical personnel; and Skill training of health functionaries etc. is being taken up. In addition to this, State Governments have been encouraged to set up Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathic dispensaries to cater to the health needs of the rural population. A number of such dispensaries are already functioning in various States.