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			Total grants of Rs. 160.09 lakhs were released during the financial year 2007-08 under UG/PG component of the scheme. However, on receiving the second proposal, this college was upgraded as a Model institute and an additional grant of Rs. 313.91 lakhs was approved, of which Rs.200.00 lakhs was released
			as first instalment during the year 2008-09.
2	Government Ayurveda College, Kannur	PG Component: Rs.300.00	Rs. 210.00 lakhs granted and Rs.72.28 lakhs released as first instalment.
3	Government Ayurveda College,	Model Component: Rs. 825.00 Thiruvananthapuram	No grants could be approved due to pending Utilisation Certificates for earlier grants.
4	Vaidyaratnam Ayurveda College, Ollur	UG Component: Rs.145.00	Rs.140.00 lakhs granted and Rs.100.00 lakhs released as first instalment.
5	Vaidyaratnam P.S. Varier Ayurveda College, Kottakkal	Model Component: Rs.493.3	Rs.475.00 lakhs granted and Rs.300.00 lakhs released as first instalment.
6	Dr. Padlar Homoeo Medical College, Chottanikkara	UG Component:Rs.202.63	The Project Screening Committee constituted under the scheme has approved the proposal for Rs. 138.00 lakhs and to release Rs.100.00 lakhs as first instalment.

Inadequate health care schemes for poor

882. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the schemes which are being implemented for the health care of rural poor are insufficient;

(b) if so, whether Government proposed any new schemes to provide better health care facility to the rural poor; and

(c) if so, the details of such schemes and the proposed financial allocation for such schemes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government has already launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005 for a period of 7 years with the objective to provide comprehensive public health care facility in the entire country with special focus on rural areas. The NRHM envisages improvements in range and quality of hospital care, decentralization of programme to district level to improve intra and inter-sectoral convergence and effective utilization of resources. The NRHM further aims to provide overarching umbrella to the existing National programmes of Health and Family Welfare including RCH-II, Malaria, Blindness, Iodine deficiency, Filariasis, Kala Azar, T.B., Leprosy and Integrated Disease Surveillance. Further, it addresses the issue of health in a sector-wide manner addressing sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health. The initiatives under NRHM are benefiting the weaker sections including the poorer and minority community. An amount of Rs. 12050 crore has been allocated under NRHM for the FY 2008-09.

Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme

883. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose and feature of Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) scheme and how it has been in force;

(b) though it is a very good scheme, why it has not been taken off;

(c) where exactly it has been held up for all these years; and

(d) why there is no preventive or curative action all these years?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Under the Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme, implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), loans at the concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum for assessed requirement of capital expenditure and working capital are made available by banks to registered institutions producing khadi and polyvastra items. The difference between the actual interest rate of the bank and 4 per cent is paid by the Central Government through KVIC to the lending bank. Assistance under the ISEC scheme was also available to village industry units set up prior to 1 April, 1995. Presently, the assistance under the ISEC Scheme is available only to the khadi institutions and polyvastra village industry (VI) units as other VI units are benefited under other credit-linked subsidy schemes, namely, Rural Employment Generation Programme (implemented from 1995-96 to 2007-08) / Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (2008-09 onwards).

(b) and (c) The scheme is being implemented since 1977-78 without interruption and loans have been provided by the Banks to the khadi and village industry (KVI) institutions implementing khadi and polyvastra programme, after taking into account the assessment certificates issued by KVIC. During 2007-08, loans estimated at Rs. 227.62 crore have been provided by the Banks under the ISEC Scheme.