

Grant-in-aid for Kerala

2349. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority of Kerala had submitted during February, 2008, proposals for grant-in-aid from Union Government under Centrally sponsored scheme under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

(c) whether action will be taken in affirmative on the above submission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. As per information available, the Government of Kerala had submitted six proposals amounting to Rs. 94.205 crore *vide* their letter dated 06.02.2008.

(b) and (c) The proposals were processed as per guidelines and a sum of Rs. 2.00 crore was released to the State Government.

(d) Doesn't arise.

Doctor-population ratio

‡2350. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of doctors in the country at present and the ratio of population for which a doctor is available;

(b) the total number of established medical colleges in the country and total number of seats available therein;

(c) whether Government is taking measures to make available cheap medical facilities to the growing population and to rural poor masses and for increasing the number of medical colleges and their seats; and

(d) if not, whether Government would take measure after deliberating seriously?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The doctor patient ratio varies from case to case depending upon various factors like type of diseases, nature of specialization, type of treatment required *i.e.* indoor/outdoor. As per information furnished by Medical Council of India, the total number of registered allopathic doctors in the country is 7, 33, 617. Thus the percentage of allopathic doctor in proportion to population at present works out to 0.06% approximately and the allopathic doctors population ratio works out to 1:1584 approximately. In addition there more than six lakh practitioners of Indian system of medicine and Homoeopathy. Taking all these number together, the percentage of doctors with respect to population is 0.11% and the doctor population ratio comes to 1:860

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approximately. Currently, there are 299 medical colleges in the country for teaching modern system of medicine with annual intake of 35, 152 who add up to the existing medical manpower. The National Rural Health Mission has been operationalised with the aim of providing accessible, and reliable primary health care facilities especially to poor and the vulnerable section of the population. Medical Council of India regulations are being amended to rationalise land requirement, student-teacher ratio, allowing public-private partnership which will facilitate setting up of more medical colleges and increase the number of doctors.

Disease due to contaminated water

‡2351. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of contaminated and fluoridated water leave the possibility of several diseases;

(b) if so, the name of the possible diseases; and the details thereof; and

(c) the plan formulated to provide uncontaminated pure and fresh water to common people in every village and whether pure and fresh water is available to the people in every village, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Faecal contamination of water causes Water Borne Diseases such as Cholera, Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases (ADD), Viral Hepatitis and Typhoid Fever (Enteric Fever). High fluoride contents in drinking water lead to a number of health problems such as dental fluorosis, skeletal fluorosis and non-skeletal fluorosis etc.

Details of cases reported of Water Borne Disease during the year 2006-08 are given below:—

Diseases	2006	2007	2008*
Viral Hepatitis	152623	110055	90440
ADD	10213917	10993639	11231039
Cholera	1939	2635	2680
Enteric Fever	789004	820360	916161

*Figures are provisional.

(c) As per the information received from the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development, rural drinking water supply is a State subject and the States plan and implement their own schemes. No plans for Village level are prepared by Government of India. Government of India, however, provides supplemental assistance to all States through its Centrally Sponsored Scheme named, “National Rural Drinking Water/Supply Programme (NRDWP)”.

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