

- (a) whether Government proposes to open new nursing colleges in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to open 6 colleges of nursing in the country at the sites of All India Institute of Medical Sciences like institutions one each in the states of Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttarakhand.

Issuance of smart cards under Health Insurance Scheme

4242. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than one crore smart cards under the Health Insurance Scheme for the poor has been provided under the scheme providing cover for hospitalization up to Rs. 30,000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has fixed any target to issue such smart cards in the country so that many poor persons can be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana [RSBY] launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment on 1st October 2007 to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- per annum to BPL families [a unit of five] in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational from 01.04.2008. As on date, 26 States/Union Territories have initiated the process to implement the scheme. Out of these 26 States/UTs, 22 States namely Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have started issuing smart cards and more than 1.45 Crore cards have been issued on 30.04.2010. State-wise enrolment report is enclosed as Statement (See below).

- (c) All the BPL families are proposed to be covered by the year 2012-13.

Statement

State-wise enrolment report

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of Smart Cards issued
1	2	3
1.	Assam	84,938
2.	Bihar	21,68,497

1	2	3
3.	Chhattisgarh	9,74,701
4.	Delhi	2,18,055
5.	Goa	3,505
6.	Gujarat	6,82,354
7.	Haryana	6,91,197
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1,66,797
9.	Jharkhand	5,46,540
10.	Karnataka	76,221
11.	Kerala	11,73,388
12.	Maharashtra	14,40,407
13.	Meghalaya	27,330
14.	Nagaland	39,301
15.	Orissa	3,87,564
16.	Punjab	1,75,873
17.	Tamil Nadu	1,49,520
18.	Tripura	1,86,073
19.	Uttar Pradesh	44,61,019
20.	Uttarakhand	53,940
21.	West Bengal	8,02,974
22.	Chandigarh	5,407
TOTAL :		1,45,15,601

Shortage of hospital beds

4243. SHRIMATI SHO BHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the ratio of hospital beds per thousand population in the country is very low in comparison to the other developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many Government hospitals do not have an adequate number of hospital beds; and