

(a) whether suggestions have been received to open All India Institute of Medical Sciences like medical institute in Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) Government has received requests for establishing an AIIMS-like institution in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh. However, Ministry has already finalized the first and second phase of PMSSY in which AIIMS-like institution in Bundelkhand area is not included.

#### **Fraudulent tactics employed by medical colleges**

1286. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that touts/brokers are used by several medical colleges for obtaining clearance for various medical courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to check these touts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Honorarium for ASHA**

†1287. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the honorarium being given to the Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers is sufficient in this period of inflation;

(b) if not, whether there is any plan to give dearness allowance to them on the line of Government employees;

(c) whether Government has any information of running 'trade union' amongst these employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry is in a position to accept the demand being raised by these employees in an organized manner to increase the honorarium and to give them status of Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) ASHA is an honorary volunteer who has been selected by the Community and are entitled to performance based incentives as decided by the State. She is not intended to be full time or regular employee.

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