

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to a Report of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) based on Population Cancer Registry, there is increase in number of cancer cases largely because of increasing and ageing population. The State-wise, site-wise cancer data is not centrally maintained.

(c) The treatment of cancer patients in the Government institutions is either free or subsidised in the health care delivery system. Financial Assistance is provided to Below Poverty Line Cancer Patients under the Health Minister's Cancer Patient's Fund for undergoing treatment of cancer.

National Health Bill, 2009

2049. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts Government has made to strengthen the process of drafting the National Health Bill, 2009;

(b) by when the financial memorandum of the draft Bill will be drafted and finalised;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to ensure the wider consultations with the civil society organisations and the other stakeholders in the consultation process of the Bill;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The draft of the National Health Bill has already been prepared and is available on the official web-site of this Ministry namely www.mohfw.nic.in.

(b) No specific time limit can be indicated at this juncture.

(c) and (d) Yes. This Ministry has consulted, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Finance.

(e) No specific time limit can be indicated at this juncture for introduction of the bill in the Parliament.

Inclusion of polydrug in the essential drugs list

2050. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the polydrug, a combination of Aspirin, Statin and ACE-Inhibitor is included in the Essential Drugs List;