

(a) whether in view of increasing privatization of healthcare in the country; the poor people are unable to get their treatment due to rising expenditure;

(b) if so, whether Government has plans to make available healthcare facilities on the lines of health service in private sector to poor people in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Based on the information available in the publication titled “Select Health Parameters: A Comparative Analysis across the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) 42nd, 52nd and 60th Rounds-2007” brought out by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, majority of hospitalization cases, among the poorer sections of society availed Government facility namely public hospitals and public dispensary services, in the time period January — June, 2004.

The Government launched the National Rural Health Mission in 2005, with a view to provide accessible, affordable, accountable and effective primary health care facilities, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

The NRHM aims at effecting an architectural correction in the existing healthcare delivery system particularly primary and secondary healthcare. In addition, there are several other programmes that provide healthcare facilities to the general public including the poor.

#### **Approval to Chinese-made drugs**

101. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the health laboratories set up by the Central Government have approved release of vaccines, diagnostic kits and other biological products from China without proper testing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General in its recent report has also pointed out shocking aspects of Chinese drugs and other biological products; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Comptroller and Auditor General has pointed out *inter alia* the following discrepancies with regard to the functioning of the National Institute of Biologicals, an autonomous scientific organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare:

(i) Lapses in scientific activities, including the batch release certification of biologicals without testing critical parameters prescribed by the Pharmacopoeia;

- (ii) Non-deployment of commensurate manpower despite completion of infrastructure; and
- (iii) Lapses in equipment purchase and their non/under-utilization.

Necessary corrective measures have already been initiated by the Government.

#### **Action plan for developing Unani medical facilities**

102. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 535 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2009 and state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been prepared to properly develop and expand Unani medical facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government would consider to prepare such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): Yes.

- (b) Details are given in the Statement (See below).
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.

#### **Statement**

##### *Department of AYUSH*

#### **I. National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM)**

In order to promote the formal study of Unani system of medicine the Government of India has set up the National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) at Bangalore in the year 1984. NIUM has a strength of 74 PG students. In addition to the 5 PG courses currently being offered it plans to commence 8 new PG Degree courses in two phases NIUM also plans to commence PG Diploma Courses in Unani Medicine in Regimental Therapy, Pharmacy, and Skin Disorders. In addition collaborative clinical studies on major diseases with other scientific organisations/industries are being undertaken.

#### **II. Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM)**

- i. The CCRUM is being developed as a Nodal Centre for Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Reorientation of Training Programme (ROTP) for teaching faculty in Unani medicine and private practitioners in Unani medicine.
- ii. Unani drugs developed by the CCRUM are being introduced in NRHM programme.