

Each, District Surveillance Team consists of a District Surveillance officer, and epidemiologists, a Microbiologist/Pathologist, a Physician/Pediatrician and District Training officer. Technical and Infrastructure facilities are provided through upgradation of District Public Health Laboratories and establishment of District Data Centre with satellite connectivity in the office of Chief District Health Officer.

Enquiry on non-supply of free medicines by Government hospitals

†3120. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the medicines provided in Government hospitals free of cost are not being distributed to needy people;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government. In Central Government Hospitals all the medicines as per Hospital formulary are provided free of cost to the patients attending the hospital.

Opening of medical colleges in tribal and backward States

†3121. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical colleges in the country;

(b) whether it is being considered to raise the number of these colleges in future;

(c) whether these colleges would also be opened in the tribal, backward States; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.