

owned by households belonging to the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes or below poverty line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of Government of India or that of the small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008.”

Cancer units in civil hospitals

*137. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the dreadful disease of cancer is widely spreading across the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to open cancer units in every civil hospital;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Indian Council of Medical Research has estimated that there are about 25 lakh cases of cancer in the country with about 9 lakh new cases every year.

The Government does not propose to open cancer units in every civil hospital. However, the Government has approved the National Programme for Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) for implementation in 100 Districts in the remaining period of the 11th Five Year Plan. The outlay for Cancer is Rs. 731.52 crore out of the total outlay approved for the NPCDCS programme.

Promotion of graduate messengers in banks

*138. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a special provision for promotion of graduate messengers in many public Sector Banks;
- (b) whether the Syndicate Bank has sent similar proposal for its sponsored Regional Rural Banks (RRBs); and
- (c) if so, whether Government is considering such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) As a part of the Agreement with the Representative Unions and with a view to encourage self development, some of the Public Sector Banks have provisions for promotion of graduate sub-staff, which include messenger, to the clerical grade.

(b) and (c) The Syndicate Bank in consultation with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is considering a proposal for promotion of graduate messenger cum sweeper in the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) sponsored by it, to the clerical grade.