

The outlay proposed is Rs. 1230.90 crore (Rs. 499.38 crore for National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardio-vascular Diseases and Stroke (NPDCS) and Rs. 731.52 crore for National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) for 2010-11 & 2011-12 on a 80:20 sharing basis between GOI & State Government respectively.

- (c) Names of the States/UTs for the implementation of the programme is not yet finalized.

Irregularities in admission to nursing colleges

‡202. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to change the eligibility criteria for admission in degree and diploma courses in nursing colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received reports/complaints regarding various irregularities including fake advertisements and admission of students more than the allotted seats in nursing colleges of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, during last three years and current year, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) Indian Nursing Council (INC) has relaxed the eligibility criteria for Basic B.Sc. (Nursing), Post Basic B.Sc. (Nursing) and General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) courses.

- (b) INC has relaxed eligibility criteria:-
- (i) from 50% to 45%, marks in 10+2 in Physics, Chemistry and Biology for B.Sc. (Nursing) programme from 2009 academic year.
- (ii) For GNM from 45% to 40% marks in 10+2 in any discipline.
- (iii) For Post Basic B.Sc. (Nursing) from Diploma in GNM with 2 years experience to GNM only.

(c) and (d) On the basis of complaints received by the INC, 16 surprise inspections have been conducted during the last three years including the current year. Karnataka-2, Rajasthan-5, Haryana-3, Madhya Pradesh-4 and Punjab-2.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) Deficiencies were found in 6 institutions which were communicated to them. On receipt of report they were re-inspected and found eligible to conduct courses.

Re-emergence of H1N1 influenza

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that H1N1 influenza has again surfaced in some parts of the country with the reporting of new cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to check the spread of H1N1 influenza in various parts of the country and to ascertain the cause of the resurfacing of this infection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes. Since 1st May, 2010, new cases have been reported from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) and (d) Yes. Government of India has alerted all States and Union Territories for reviewing their preparedness for responding even to a worse case scenario. States have been requested to assess requirement for drugs and vaccines for the Ministry of Health & FW to arrange the same. Government of India is maintaining adequate stock of drug Oseltamivir and H1N1 vaccine to vaccinate health care workers. A national level media plan has been finalized by the Task Force in Information & Broadcasting Ministry. Epidemiological trends, current status, guidelines and operating procedures are made available to the States and public through the website www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in.

It is an established fact that Pandemic Influenza comes in waves. A central team was deputed to Kerala on witnessing the re-surge. Virological studies done at National Institute of Virology, Pune and National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi, so far, have not detected any major mutational change in the virus.

Increase in cases of HIV/AIDS

204. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: