

- (a) the number of blocks in Jharkhand having 30 bed Community Health Centres (CHCs);
- (b) the staff strength in these block CHCs;
- (c) the number of blocks which do not have CHC at all, along with the medical staff and medicines; and
- (d) by when National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) norms including physical infrastructure and medical human resource will be met and proper CHC will be established in all 259 blocks in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) As per the information received from Government of Jharkhand, there is no block in Jharkhand having 30-bedded Community Health Centre (CHC). However, there are 188 blocks having 6 bedded Community Health Centres. Other blocks do not have CHC. Construction of CHCs have been taken up in 144 blocks. There are 2001 Medical Officers and 8415 Paramedical Staff posted in the health facilities.

Under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM], funds are provided to Government of Jharkhand to strengthen their health infrastructure at all levels including CHCs. The State Government prioritises the requirements and incorporate them in its annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) which is a continuous process. The same is examined in this Ministry and funds are released to the State for actual implementation of the programme in accordance with approved PIP.

Financial assistance to States for controlling population

†876. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that States have been granted financial assistance of Rs. 2930.31 crore for controlling population during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that despite spending heavy amount each year, the progress so far has not been satisfactory towards achievement of target of population stabilization; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for not taking more concrete steps for achieving the targets of stabilization?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. Financial assistance of Rs.2930.31 crore has been granted for various measures aimed at controlling population during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 at per details are given in Statement (See below).

(b) Population Stabilization measures have been implemented with varying degree of success across different States of the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them according to their choice, without any compulsion or targets.

Statement

Scheme-wise, year-wise expenditure for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes	Expenditure during		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (Prov.)
CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES				
A.	Condoms for NACO	274.96	174.06	222.85
B.	Family Welfare			
1.	Direction and Administration (State FW Bureau)	215.80	302.46	281.31
2.	Free distribution of contraceptives	36.97	54.42	35.20
3.	Family Planning RCH Flexible Pool	339.51	438.87	450.3
TOTAL		867.24	969.81	989.66
CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES				
A.	Social Marketing of Contraceptives	26.71	25.13	22.05
B.	FW Linked Health Insurance Plan	3.17	4.93	18.33
C.	Other Schemes			
1.	Role of Men in Planned Parenthood	0.90	0.73	0.45
2.	FW Programme in Other Ministries	0.59	0.34	0.27
TOTAL		31.37	31.13	41.1
GRAND TOTAL		898.61	1000.94	1030.76

Enhancement in retirement age of medical professionals

877. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to enhance the retirement age of Government medical professional to 70 years to overcome the shortage of medical practitioners in the country especially those who are posted in the rural areas after 60 year of age;