

accessions of important medicinal & aromatic plant species are being maintained as live material in field gene banks, in the form of seed, in vitro material and DNA. For long-term conservation the accessions are stored under cryogenic conditions. After the DBT support is over, these gene-banks are now being maintained by the concerned institutions.

**Free medical facilities to BPL card holders**

2240. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether free medical facilities are being provided to BPL card holders in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) There are Government Schemes, providing health insurance to BPL population viz. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, a scheme administered by Ministry of Labour and Employment in Government of India. There are other schemes, being run by some State Governments viz, Rajiv Arogyasri Yojana of Andhra Pradesh. The premia for such insurance schemes are subsidized by Government of India and/or State Governments either fully or on a sharing pattern.

The beneficiaries are served by the insurance companies based on the Identification Cards viz, Smart Card/Health Insurance/BPL Card issued to them.

**Status of human health in India**

2241. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the life expectancy at birth, Infant Mortality Rate, Crude Death Rate, Maternal Mortality Ratio in the country, State-wise;
- (b) how do these parameters for the country compare with neighbouring and developed countries;
- (c) whether these indicators reflect that the status of human health in India is a matter of concern;