

figures for 2001 indicates that average annual rate of growth of population has come down to 1.93 for the period 1991-2001 as compared to 2.14 for the period 1981-91. Thus the Government aims to continue its strategy of voluntary approach to Family Planning with increased access to quality family planning services.

### **Medical facilities as fundamental rights**

1687. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to include right to medical facilities in the fundamental rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

### **Rural Health Schemes in Kerala**

1688. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide funds to the voluntary organizations engaged in Family Welfare Programmes and Rural Health Care Schemes in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the assistance provided to various NGO's in Kerala during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The funds are released to NGOs in Kerala State under MNGO Scheme under RCH Programme and Support to Gender Issues. A statement of funds released during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement.

**Statement**

*A Statement refer to in Para B of Unstarred Question No. 1688 for 17.12.2004*

**Mother NGO Scheme**

1. Family Planning Association of India, Thiruvananthapuram

(i) Rs. 15,00,000.00 released in 2001-02

(ii) Rs. 13,90,591.00 released in 2002-03

2. Kerala Voluntary Health Services, Kottayam

(i) Rs. 20,00,000.00 released in 2001-02

**Support to Gender Issues**

1. SEVANA, Thiruvananthapuram

(i) Rs. 1,39,860.00 released in 2001-02

(ii) Rs. 32,328.00 released in 2002-03

2. Jananeethi, Kerala

(i) Rs. 68,843.00 released in 2002-03

3. Anweshi Women's Counselling Centre, Calicut

(i) Rs. 8,67,384.00 released in 2002-03

(ii) Rs. 1,76,835.00 released in 2003-04

**Hospitals for women patients**

1689. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some hospitals in the Central Sector exclusively for women patients in the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the sites in States selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to set up hospital exclusively for women patients during the Tenth Five Year Plan.