

#### **National programme on bone health in the country**

685. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the demands for National Programme on Bone Health in the country to address the sorry picture of Arthritis and Osteoporosis patients in the country; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. Arthritis and Osteoporosis cases are diagnosed and treated in hospitals in the health care delivery system at district hospitals and Community Health Centres (CHCs) in addition to Medical Colleges and apex institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh etc. Treatment in the Government hospitals is either free or subsidised.

#### **Funds for new buildings for CDRI**

686. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned additional funds for setting up new buildings for the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) in some States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof especially in Andhra Pradesh and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under whose jurisdiction the subject matter of the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) falls, has informed that it has not sanctioned additional funds for setting up new buildings for the CDRI in any State except Uttar Pradesh. It is constructing a new building of CDRI only in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, where the old CDRI existed.

#### **Progress made towards polio eradication**

†687. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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