

Health campaign for school kids

1333. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched a health campaign for school kids in order to observe basic hygiene practices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for uniform implementation of the scheme by providing disinfectant solutions and soaps in school washrooms and toilets in all the schools in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):
(a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not launched any specific health campaign for basics hygiene practices for school kids. However, under the RCH component of NRHM, funds are being provided to States for School Health Programme which consists of health check up of school children and distribution of Iron and Folic Acid and deworming tablets.

(c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not give funds to provide disinfectant solutions and soaps in schools washrooms and toilets.

Introduction of CET for PG medical courses

†334. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has prepared a plan of Common Entrance Test (CET) for Post Graduate (PG) Medical Courses;
- (b) if so, by when this plan will be implemented;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether some State Governments have sent a proposal to keep themselves away from this plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Yes.

(b) to (e) A few State Governments have expressed apprehension about the proposed Common Entrance Test Scheme. Government has, therefore, decided to introduce the scheme after these misapprehensions are allayed through a consultation process.

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