

(c) No.

(d) The notification of 3rd November, 2010 would allow appointments of DNB professionals to faculty positions in medical colleges and therefore, increase the availability of faculty in the country.

(e) Does not arise.

Elimination of Kala-Azar

1013. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set and achievement made so far towards elimination of Kala-Azar during the first three years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether a majority of deaths due to Kala-Azar are from three high focus States including Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to strengthen health infrastructure in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) Against the target of Kala-azar elimination (*i.e.* less than 10 new cases per 100,000 population) in all 514 Block PHCs which are Kala-azar endemic, 319 Block PHCs reported less than 10 new Kala-azar cases per 100,000 population at the end of first three years of Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) Yes. In 2010, out of total 105 Kala-azar deaths, 104 deaths were reported from the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

(d) The Kala-azar elimination programme is being implemented under the over-arching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The Government of India is supporting States and Union Territories including Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal in strengthening and re-vitalising their primary healthcare infrastructure by providing them need-based financial and technical support. Besides, technical, logistic and manpower support is also provided to these 3 States specifically for Kala-azar elimination activities.

Expansion of healthcare facilities in Bihar

†1014. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the availability of healthcare facilities in Bihar is far below the national average; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government for expansion of healthcare facilities in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Bihar, health care is being provided in Bihar through following health care facilities:—

- 7 Government Medical Colleges
- 36 District hospitals
- 26 Sub-Divisional Hospitals
- 149 First Referral Units (FRU)
- 533 Primary Health Centres
- 9696 Sub-Centres

Further, following steps have been taken by the State Government for Expansion of health care facilities in Bihar:—

- Besides 3 regular doctors, 4 contractual doctors are posted in 60% of PHCs.
- Two Grade-A staff Nurse and one AYUSH doctor are posted in most of Additional PHCs.
- Two Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wife (ANM) are posted in Health Sub-Centres.

Government of India provides support to the State under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for improvement in health care facilities by engaging contractual staff to bridge short term gaps, improving supply of medicines and equipments, upgradation of infrastructure, procurement and operationalisation of Medical Mobile Units etc. In the last five years following amount has been released to Bihar under NRHM:—

Year	Release (Rs. in crores)
2006-07	361.89
2007-08	350.24
2008-09	821.18
2009-10	649.71
2010-11	1033.89