

Allocation for the healthcare sector

1015. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rs. 75,533 crore were allocated to the Ministry by the Planning Commission as against the target of Rs. 1,23,900 for the Eleventh Plan Period;
- (b) if so, how much of the allocated sum has been utilised so far;
- (c) the areas where the shortfall has been acute, causing health care vulnerability; and
- (d) the percentage of utilisation of total allocation envisaged until the end of this fiscal which is end of the present plan period?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As against the planned Central allocation of Rs. 1,40,135 crore, for Health sector during the Eleventh Plan (2007-12), the actual allocation of funds from 2007-08 to 2011-12 has been Rs. 99,491 crore.

(b) The expenditure during the first four years of the Eleventh Plan (2007-08 to 2010-11) has been Rs. 66,361.24 crore, as against the actual allocation of Rs. 72,731 crore during the same period.

(c) the total funds made available during the Plan have been allocated among different areas, taking into account the needs and priorities.

(d) During the first four years of Eleventh Plan, the percentage of utilization of funds under the Central Sector was 91.2%. Assuming cent percent utilization during 2011-12, the overall utilization by the end of Eleventh Plan is likely to be about 93.5%.

Lack of testing facility for tobacco products

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no laboratory for testing tobacco products in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that as per global standards the quantity of tar and nicotine in a cigarette should not be more than 10 mg., but in Indian made cigarettes, this quantity is between 14 to 18 mg.;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.