

(d) the details of Government's plans to this end especially achievements in the year 2010-11?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) Only one Polio case has been reported in India in 2011. No. Polio case has been reported for more than six months in the country. This is 96% decline over last year for the same period.

(c) and (d) The polio virus circulation in the year 2010 and 2011 has mainly been outside the traditional polio endemic States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. As per the recommendations of the India Expert Advisory Group on Polio, apart from the two National rounds covering all States, six sub national rounds have been carried out in the high risk areas for polio transmission. These areas are parts of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttarakhand,, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh and Delhi. Mop-up round are also carried out in response to any wild polio virus detection. The steps taken to mitigate the risk of polio virus transmission are (i) introduction of bivalent polio vaccine in 2010, (ii) multipronged strategy to improve sanitation, hygiene, availability of clean water and control of diarrhea in 107 high risk blocks in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, (iii) special micro plans to cover mobile and migrant populations and intensification of routine immunization, (iv) Emergency preparedness and response plan in the event of detection of wild polio virus.

#### **Alternative model medical education system for rural areas**

1052. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch a new alternative model medical education system in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government is planning to introduce a 3½ year rural health care course — Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BRHC), which has been framed after taking into consideration views of various stakeholders including States. The course proposed to be taught in the District Hospitals and is especially designed for those who have completed their schooling and passed their qualifying examination, i.e. 10 + 2 examination, from notified rural areas of the district. These professionals will be posted at the Sub-Centers.

#### **Whistle-blower policy in PSEs**

1053. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to put in place a whistle-blower policy for all the