Functioning of AIIMS-like institutes

†3018. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the initial years of the 2000 decade, it was decided to establish more institutes in the country on the line of AIIMS, Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the year in which this decision was taken;
- (c) the names of such places where such institutes have been made functional till November, 2011 under the said decision in the country; and
 - (d) if not, by when they are likely to be made functional?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government of India had announced in 2003 for setting up of six AIIMS-like Institutions, one each at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), and Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). These projects were approved by CCEA in March, 2006 and based on the Detailed Project Reports (DPR), revised cost estimates were approved by the Cabinet in March, 2010.

(c) and (d) Since the revised cost estimates based on DPR was approved in March, 2010 only, after completion of tender procedures, civil construction for Medical Colleges could start only in May-June, 2010 and Hospital Complex in September, 2010.

The Medical Colleges are likely to be operationalized from Academic year 2012-13 and Hospital Complex in the year 2013-14.

High cost of medical treatment

†3019. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that, according to a report released by World Health Organisation, 70 per cent population of the country is bound to undergo treatment with its own expenses in the absence of proper medical treatment system;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in the absence of a proper medical treatment system, the poor is not in a position to get proper treatment for diseases; and

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(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no World Health Organisation (WHO) report which States that 70 percent population of the country is bound to undergo treatment with its own expenses in the absence of proper medical treatment system.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) and (d) To improve access to primary and secondary health delivery services, Government of India supports State Government /Union Territories (UTs) through National Rural Health Mission which seeks to provide accessible, affordable, effective and quality healthcare, specially to the poor and vulnerable section of population of the country. The major thrust of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is to build the public health system by strengthening the health infrastructure, augmentation of human resources, flexible financing and encouraging involvement of community to improve health delivery.

The other steps taken by Government of India to improve the public health system in the country *inter-alia*, include:

- Increased public allocation for health programmes.
- Implementation of programmes for control of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Mainstreaming of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy. Making available specialized health care services through strengthening of hospitals.

Non-installations of PET scanners at AIIMS

3020. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS had placed orders for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanners in 1997;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that till now neither they have been received nor installed; and
- (c) if so, the steps the Ministry is taking to install these scanners at the earliest for the benefit of poor patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) AllMS placed an order for Positron Emission Tomography scanner on 06.03.2001 and the equipment was installed in the year 2005. Since its installation, the institute has conducted more