

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Ranking of the countries on the basis of public health expenditure is not published by World Health Organisation (WHO). However, according to World Health Statistics-2011 published by WHO, the expenditure on public health as percentage of GDP for India in 2008 is 1.36% as compared to public expenditure on health in respect of some select countries, *e.g.* China : 2.03%, Bangladesh 1.04%, Pakistan : 0.84%, Sri Lanka 1.79% and Indonesia : 1.25 % in 2008.

(c) and (d) The Government is not aware of any report indicating that the number of families in the country, who can reasonably afford medicines, is continuously decreasing.

Filling of vacant posts in CGHS dispensaries

3023. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacant posts of doctors in CGHS Allopathic dispensaries in Delhi lying vacant for the last three years;

(b) the details of posts of doctors filled during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken and the time-frame fixed to fill all the vacant posts of doctors to reduce the hardships of CGHS beneficiaries; and

(d) the reasons for delay in filling those vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The details of vacant posts of doctors in CGHS Allopathic dispensaries in Delhi for the last three years are as under:-

Year	Total Strength	In position	Vacancy
January, 2009	665	586	79
January, 2010	665	568	97
December, 2011	665	546	119

(b)

Year	No. of posts filled up
2009	30
2010	26
2011	21

(c) and (d) Every year UPSC makes recommendations for appointment of CGHS doctors. However many of the selected candidates do not join the CGHS. Retired doctors are hired on contract basis against the vacant posts to manage the operations.

Rise in measles cases

3024. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of measles among children is on the rise throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is actively considering to take some measures on the issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) No. There is no rise in measles cases among children in the country. As per available report from CBHI, there is a decline in measles cases in the last three years. The year wise number of cases reported are as below:

Year	Reported cases
2009	56,188
2010	29,808
2011 (upto September)	20,629

(c) and (d) In order to eliminate deaths due to measles, Government of India has initiated second dose of Measles vaccine under Universal Immunization Programme. The States where Measles 1st dose coverage was more than 80% 2nd dose has been introduced in Routine Immunization Programme. In States where 1st dose coverage with Measles was less than 80%, a catch-up campaign covering all the children of 9 months to 10 years of age has been introduced followed by integration into Routine Immunization Programme.

- (e) In view of the reply above, the question does not arise.

Maternal Mortality Ratio

3025. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: