

(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) AIIMS 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

than 20,000 studies on the scanner. Poor patients are granted permission for free study within the norms, rules and regulations stipulated by the institute.

#### **Provision for free medicines**

3021. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State Governments which are providing free of cost medicines to the general public and other poor sections of society in the country;

(b) the amount spent so far by the States for providing free of cost medicines during the last three years including the current year, till-date; and

(c) the financial assistance Central Government proposes to provide to all such States which are giving medicines free of cost to poor people who cannot afford to pay the cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) to (c) State/UTs Governments provide free of cost essential medicines to the general public and other poor sections of the society in the Public Health facilities.

The population covered under this scheme varies from State to State. Some States provide free of cost medicines to all patients visiting public health facility whereas some target BPL cardholders only.

In an effort to help State Governments to identify essential drugs, Government of India has notified National list of Essential Medicines in 2011.

Funds for procurement of medicines for dispensing in Public Health facilities are provided by the State Governments through the State budget.

Further the State's efforts are supplemented through financial assistance under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). State-wise statement showing expenditure for procurement of drugs under NRHM for last three years and current year (as on 30.09.2011) is given in Statement (See below).

#### ***Statement***

*Expenditure Under NRHM for the FYs 2008-09 to 2011-12*

		(Rs. in Lakhs)			
Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (as on 30.09.2011)
1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>A. High Focus States</b>					
1.	Bihar	56.82	508.20	4,738.76	619.76