

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Out of 335 medical colleges, about 220 medical colleges are located in southern and western part of India.

(b) Medical colleges in the country are established in accordance with the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and Regulations made thereunder and it is for the State Government to decide the need of opening a new medical college in the State.

(c) to (e) Recommendations have been made by the Working Groups constituted by the Planning Commission to open new medical colleges during the Twelfth Plan Period in underserved areas including eastern and northern States. Opening of the new medical colleges will depend *inter alia* on the plan allocation and priorities finalized.

Emergence of drug resistance bacterias and viruses

†875. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:
SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that many such new bacterias and viruses have come into existence upon which antibiotic medicines are proving ineffective and such bacterias are becoming a great danger for the human life;

(b) the details of the research conducted or planned to be conducted by the Ministry; and

(c) the details of the study being conducted or likely to be conducted to assess the possible affect on the human life due to the changes in the atmosphere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) Yes. Government is aware of antimicrobial resistance in bacterias and viruses. Such naturally occurring multi-drug resistant bacteria with NDM-1 or similar plasmids are present all over the world. Their presence as such has limited implications unless linked to clinical situations and outcome. Unless these organism get the opportunity to invade body through wounds, surgery, damage due to instruments etc. these are not usual cause of infection. This can be tackled by good hospital infection control measures.

(b) and (c) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has initiated, in collaboration with other Government agencies, a surveillance network exclusively for gram negative bacterial organisms, methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus and fungus causing sepsis.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Department of Health Research has not currently undertaken any study to assess the possible effect on the human life due to the changes in the atmosphere. In a recent study seepage samples and 50 tap water samples from New Delhi were analysed, of which two of water samples and 51 of seepage samples were detected having contamination with NDM-1.

Optimum utilization of NRHM funds

876. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has not been used by some States and this has been found by the special CAG report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated under the NRHM scheme during the current year; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government for the optimum utilization of funds allocated under NRHM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) A Statement showing the funds allocated, released and expenditure reported by the States during the NRHM period 2005-06 to 2010-11 is given in Statement (See below).

The special audit by the CAG is being conducted in Uttar Pradesh on the request of the State Government and of this Ministry. The findings of the special audit by CAG have not so far been provided shared with the Ministry. A budgetary outlay of Rs. 17840 crore has been provided under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during the current Financial Year 2011-12 to States/UTs.

(c) The Government monitors the utilization of funds under NRHM through multiple monitoring mechanisms which include, analysis of quarterly Financial Management Reports, Common Review Missions Joint Review Missions, periodic team visits/reviews and statutory and concurrent audit of State Health Societies.