

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stance of Government on the recommendations made by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Steering Committee on Health for 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan has proposed for integrating HIV/AIDS programme for general population within the routine machinery for delivery of Public Health. The Committee has further recommended *inter-alia* :

- Integrating vertical disease control programme with NRHM.
- Impressive gains made by National Health Programmes like NRHM, as well as other disease control programmes, should now be channelled to deliver Universal Health Care in all urban and rural areas during 12<sup>th</sup> plan period.
- Provide access to essential medicines in every public healthcare facility.

The recommendations of the Steering Committee on Health for Twelfth Five Year Plan are considered by the Planning Commission for formulating the Five Year Plan, which has to be approved by the National Development Council for implementation by the Government. Planning Commission is in the process of finalizing the Twelfth Five year Plan.

#### **Launch of Urban Health Mission**

3492. DR. T. N. SEEMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch an Urban Health Mission; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) : Yes. To address the health care needs of the urban population, the Government plans to launch a National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). The proposal is in advanced stage of consideration.

#### **Under-five deaths in the country**

†3493. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether more than 15 lakh children in the country die even before celebrating their fifth birthday;
- (b) whether the World Health Organisation has prepared any such report; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.