

Other steps taken to check irregularities under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) include :

- (i) Submission of quarterly Financial Monitoring Reports by the States;
- (ii) Annual Statutory Audits;
- (iii) Concurrent Audits;
- (iv) Visits by the teams of the Financial Management Group of the Ministry to States for periodical reviews;
- (v) The implementation of NRHM in States is also reviewed through Joint Review Missions (JRMs), Common Review Missions (CRMs) and periodical reviews by the Ministry.

Deficiencies/shortcomings noticed during the reviews are immediately brought to the notice of the States for remedial action.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

#### **Teeka Express**

3515. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is going to launch Teeka Express, a mobile vaccine van;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose thereof;
- (c) whether this programme is going to be launched through out the country or in some States only; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, particularly with regard to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Government of India plans to pilot "Teeka Express" to deliver vaccines in outreach sessions and to conduct mobile service in low immunization coverage districts. Besides this, the Teeka Express is also expected to increase awareness among people regarding immunization. It is proposed to pilot the scheme in 69 districts of 19 States. Government of Gujarat has expressed their unwillingness to pilot the scheme as the state is in the process of strengthening the existing alternate vaccine delivery system.

#### **Central assistance for GMC, Kottayam**

3516. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has received any project proposal for Central assistance for Government Medical College, (GMC) Kottayam in Kerala, under Central sector Schemes;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether any request has been received for early reimbursement of Central share in respect of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, amounting to 93.31 crores; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening and up-gradation of state government medical colleges, no proposal for central assistance to Government Medical College (GMC), Kottayam has been received. However, Central government has received a proposal from the State Government to upgrade GMC, Kottayam under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Surksha Yojna. Presently, the proposal is not under consideration of the Ministry.

(c) the Central Government has not received any request for reimbursement of Central Share under the scheme of strengthening and up-gradation of state government medical colleges.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Paucity of trained naturopathy doctors**

3517. SHRI SHANTA KUMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is paucity of trained naturopathy doctors in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to increase the strength of naturopathy doctors in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN) : (a) and (b) There is no formal assessment of paucity of trained naturopathy doctors in the country. There are 16 Colleges/Institutes for Yoga and Naturopathy recognised by various Universities which are conducting Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS) Degree Course. Further, to encourage the naturopathy system, National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune conducts Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes for BNYS graduates from different Naturopathy Colleges.

#### **Eradication of Tobacco related ILL effects**

3518. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Ministry has identified tobacco and allied products which cause several ailments;