

- (ii) All the admissions have been made within the time schedule *i.e.* 30th September.

Healthcare for women in minority dominated areas

†2534. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that women residing in minority areas suffer from various types of diseases; and
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government for improving their health during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Women residing in minority areas are as susceptible to various diseases as women residing in other areas irrespective of religious affiliations or minority status.

(b) Government have initiated various programmes/schemes for improving the health of women in the country. These schemes, *inter-alia* include Janani-Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) and Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY). The Janani-Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutions in both rural and urban areas to absolutely free and no expense delivery including caesarean section; free diagnostics; free blood where required; free transportation to and fro between home and health facility as also, between institutions in case of referral. This facility is also available to sick neonates. The Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a safe motherhood intervention being implemented with the objective of reducing maternal and neo-natal mortality by promoting institutional delivery. JSY integrates cash assistance with delivery and post-delivery care to the eligible poor pregnant women. Other services provided to women free of cost in public health facilities include safe abortion, STI/RTI contraceptives & sterilization, etc. Women are also given focused attention under various disease control programmes like National Vector Borne Disease Control programme, Revised National Tuberculosis Control programme, National Leprosy Control Programme and National Blindness Control Programme.

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