

Healthcare facilities for urban poor

*126 SHRI RANBIR SINGH PARJAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 9 crore people in the country have been categorized as urban poor and most of them are residing in urban slums;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the level of availability of healthcare facilities to these poor people is worse than those available to the rural poor and their health indicators are also worse than those of the rural poor; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to improve the healthcare facilities for urban poor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Funds are provided to States under the Reproductive Child Health (RCH) programme as well as National Disease Control Programmes to cater to the needs of urban population including urban poor. The Central assistance supplements the efforts of the State Governments and urban local bodies who shoulder the primary responsibility of providing healthcare to their populations.

Kerosene quota for Rajasthan

†*127. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the Kerosene quota for Rajasthan, keeping in view the geographical condition and population of the State; and

(b) if so, to what extent and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) At present there is no proposal to increase the PDS Kerosene quota for the State of Rajasthan.

(b) The Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene quota of the States/UTs is broadly determined by rationalizing the previous years allocation on the basis of factors, such as increase in Domestic LPG connections, lapse of PDS Kerosene quota and cap on the PDS Kerosene allocation for non-LPG population.

Illegal activities by senior officials of DGCA

*128. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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