

Hike in rental charges of AIIMS's Dharmshala

†1766. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether AIIMS has increased the rent of the Dharmshala run by it;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to build another Dharmshala for the patients; And
- (d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) To maintain uniformity of room rents in all the three Vishram Sadans run by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the rent charges of only Rajgarhia Vishram Sadan has been rationalized with effect from 21/11/2011. In the case of Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holder, full bed charges are exempted on their request. Dormitory charges for those who are genuinely poor and unable to make payment are also exempted. At present, there is no proposal to build another Dharmshala for the patients.

Re-emergence of Polio

1767. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that polio has recently resurfaced in West Bengal after WHO announcing its eradication from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) No.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.