During the Eleventh Five Year Plan period the total allocation for the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme was Rs. 1609.25 crores out of which Rs. 1595.15 crores has been utilized for TB control activities.

(d)   The services of ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers are being utilized under the programme. They help the Programme by identifying and referring patients with history of cough for more than two weeks to the nearest Designated Microscopy Centre for sputum examination. As per requirements, ASHA. workers are also trained as DOT provider (Directly Observed Treatment provider) and provide DOT to patients. In addition, they also spread awareness about the TB and the services available under the RNTCP.

Running Ayurveda and Unani Clinics without proper qualification

1940. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government is aware that some of the Ayurveda and Unani clinics are being run by people who do not possess proper qualification and documents; and

(b)   if so, the number of such cases which have been reported in the country during the last three years including current year, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) and (b) "Public Health and Sanitation; Hospitals and Dispensaries" are the subjects included in the State list of 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the matter regarding running of the Ayurveda and Unani clinics that do not possess proper qualification and documents lies within the purview of the respective State Authorities.

TB patients in the Country

†1941. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that every fifth TB patient in the world is from India;

(b)   whether out of the total number of people who dies from various diseases in India, about 17 per cent among them die due to TB; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.