

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are reports of a new polio-like strain of virus afflicting India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government intends to take to curb the same; and
- (c) whether there are needs for a change in the present procedure of Administering Oral Polio Vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) There are no reports of new-polio like strain of virus afflicting India. The last polio case due to wild poliovirus was reported on 13th January, 2011 and WHO removed India from the list of countries with active endemic wild poliovirus transmission on 24th February 2012.

- (b) and (c) In view of above, the question does not arise.

Study on healthcare needs of urban poor

544. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any study of the healthcare needs of the urban poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has launched the National Urban Health Mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Necessary approvals including cabinet approval are required before launch of NUHM.