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## Poor health service in naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh

- 2417. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no gynaecologist, paediatrician or orthopedic doctors in the entire Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that foreign agencies provide health services to people in Naxal-affected areas;
- (c) if so, the reasons why Government is not able to fulfil the Constitutional obligation of providing health services to all citizens of the country;
- (d) whether there has been any coordinated efforts between the State Governments and the Central Ministries (Home, Health and Rural Development) towards providing health services in naxal-affected areas;
  - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY) (a) Yes.

(b) There are only two foreign agencies working in Bijapur - International Red Cross Society working in one Primary Health Centre, Kutru and MSF working in

- 5 villages *i.e.* Reddi, Korma, Kamkanar, Kaika and Palnar of Bijapur district. In Bijapur district there is one District Hospital, 05 CHC, 12 PHC and 86 SHC through which health services are provided to the people of the district.
- (c) Public health being a State subject, the state govt. of Chhatishgarh is responsible for providing health services within the state. The Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the entire country to support states to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services, particularly to rural populations.

Government of India has approved the following incentives to encourage doctors to serve in remote and difficult areas:

- 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and
- (ii) Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas up to the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.
- (d) to (f) Public health being a state subject, any coordination in this regard is done at state level.

## Screening text for doctors with foreign degrees

2418. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of doctors who completed their medical degrees abroad are failing to clear the mandatory screening test that allows them to practice in India and only 21 per cent students who received foreign medical degrees and appeared in the screening test qualified this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has received representations requesting to review the existing system of screening test; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government thereon?