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	c) National Programme for control of Blindness	*293.10	NA	1.55
	<b>C. National AIDS Control Programme Phase IV</b>	11394.00	1345.16	366.64

Note: \* In 2013-14 district level component of the programmes/schemes has been shown under (A) National Health Mission and Family Welfare segment and Tertiary level component of the programmes/schemes under (B) Health Sector segment.

#### **National Antibiotics Policy**

1944. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering a new National Antibiotics Policy to handle increasing antibiotics resistance;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a National Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance System;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to lay a road-map to tackle antimicrobial resistance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Government has already framed a comprehensive policy, namely, the National Policy for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance, to address the problem of multi-drug resistance due to widespread and indiscriminate use of antimicrobial / antibiotic drugs in the country. The policy was developed by a Task Force constituted under the chairmanship of Director General of Health Services to address the problem. The policy is available on the web-site of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The salient features of the policy are as follows:

1. To review the current situation regarding manufacture, use and misuse of antibiotics in the country.
2. To recommend the design for creation of a national Surveillance System for Antibiotic Resistance

3. To initiate studies documenting prescriptions patterns & establish a Monitoring system for the same.
4. To enforce and enhance regulatory provisions for use of antibiotics in human & veterinary and industrial use.
5. To recommend specific intervention measures such as rational use of antibiotics and antibiotic policies in hospitals
6. Diagnostic Methods pertaining to antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring

Government has decided to initiate steps for the containment of antimicrobial resistance in the country through 30 lab networks and awareness activity for rational use of antibiotics.

The aforesaid Task Force had also recommended insertion of a separate schedule under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules to regulate the sale of antibiotics, especially 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation antibiotics in the country. In pursuance of that recommendation, the Government issued a draft notification GSR 228 (E) dated 20-03-2012 for inviting comments from the public proposing to insert a new Schedule in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 containing habit forming drugs and certain Anti-TB drugs along with antibiotics. The container of the drugs covered under new Schedule will be labelled with a symbol 'Rx' which shall be in red colour and conspicuously displayed on the left corner of the label with the warning - It is dangerous to take this prescription except in accordance with medical advice and not to be sold by retail without the prescription of the Registered Medical Practitioner.

#### **Dengue cases in Delhi-NCR**

1945. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people affected by dengue, over the last one year in Delhi and NCR, month-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware that Delhi is a major centre from which dengue has spread to other parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, what measures have been taken/ proposed to be taken to prevent such spread of the disease?