

5. Sector-specific Companies/Private Equity (PE) firms encouraged to play active role in stressed assets market.

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Funding for health and women empowerment

2083. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of funds spent on health and women empowerment in villages and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the five states which are not utilizing this amount?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are released to States to strengthen their health care delivery for improving the health of population with particular focus on women and children. Although, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has no specific programme of women empowerment in villages, various interventions such as Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Janani Shishu Suraksha Karykram (JSSK), Community Processes, including engagement of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Constitution of Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) having at least 50% women members, Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karykram etc. contribute to women's empowerment.

As far as the National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) under the Ministry of Women and Child Development is concerned, the Pilot "Convergence Model" to demonstrate convergence of schemes has been operational in District Pali, Rajasthan, since September, 2011 through 150 Gram Panchayat level centres. Women Convergence and Facilitation centres at the village, Tehsil-and District level have been instrumental in creating awareness on Government schemes and programmes *i.e.* Health and Nutrition, social, economic and political rights, bringing social issues affecting women to community platforms for discussions, mobilizing women to participate in decision making.

19 Poorna Shakti Kendras (PSKs) in various districts have been approved to

be set up under the Mission. Two such PSKs are being established in district Malda, WB and district Bundi, Rajasthan. The activities at village level under PSK are yet to start. The budget released for implementing the PSK model was Rs. 3,23,84,000/- during the financial year 2011-12 and 2012-13 and Rs. 1,38,90,886/- was utilized as on 31st March, 2013.

(b) Although there are certain States with poor utilization of NRHM funds, there is no State that is not utilizing the NRHM funds.

Shortage of TB drugs

2084. DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the treatment of thousands of tuberculosis (TB) patients, especially children, in the country have been put at risk due to the shortage of key TB drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to address the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, as on date sufficient quantities of Anti TB drugs including paediatric drugs are available in the country.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Illegal abortions

2085. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that abortions are taking place in Government-approved institutions despite there being strict laws; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The MTP Act 1971 allows abortions or medical