

***Statement******Objectives of the policy***

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The best objectives of the Policy are:

- (a) To promote good health and expand the outreach of healthcare to our people, particularly those not provided health cover, through preventive, promotive, mitigating and curative intervention through ISM & H.
  - (b) To improve the quality of teachers and clinicians by revising curricula to contemporary relevance and researches by creating model institutions and Centres of Excellence and extending assistance for creating infrastructural facilities.
  - (c) To ensure affordable ISM & H services and drugs which are safe and efficacious.
  - (d) To facilitate availability of raw drugs which are authentic and contain essential components as required under pharmacopoeial standards to help improve quality of drugs, for domestic consumption and export.
  - (e) Integrate ISM & H in health care delivery system and National Programmes and ensure optimal use of the vast infrastructure of hospitals, dispensaries and physicians.
  - (f) Re-orient and prioritize research in ISM & H to gradually validate therapy and drugs to address in particular the chronic and new life style related emerging diseases.
  - (g) Create awareness about the strength of these systems in India and abroad and sensitize other stakeholders and providers of health,
  - (h) To provide full opportunity for the growth and development of these systems and utilization of the potentiality, strength and revival of their glory.
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**Information on health/nutritional status of tea garden workers**

2091. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is scarcity of reliable information on health and nutritional status among tea garden population of Assam, which is the highest tea producing State in the country, so as to enable them to initiate public health response to their health needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) There was a mention of scarcity of reliable information on health and nutritional status among tea garden population of Assam in a study published in Indian Journal of Medical Sciences, December 2006. Subsequently, the Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Indian Council of Medical Research, Dibrugarh has conducted a number of studies on the health and nutritional status among the tea garden Population.

After implementation of National Rural Health Mission, information systems like Health Management Information System, Mother and Child Tracking System, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, etc. have been developed. The information on utilisation of health services in the facilities/area of tea gardens is now available almost on real time basis from these systems.

#### **New research centres and hospitals for cancer**

2092. SHRI P. RAJEEVE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to start new cancer research centres and cancer hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any representation to establish a national cancer centre in Kochi, Kerala; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken by the Ministry on this?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) In the Twelfth Five Year Plan under the National