

AIIMS like institute for Gujarat

221. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up an AIIMS like institution in Gujarat; and

(b) the response of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has requested the Chief Minister of Gujarat to identify appropriate location for setting up of an AIIMS. No response has been received from the Government of Gujarat so far.

Vaccine for Preventing JE

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

(a) whether Government has launched vaccine to prevent Japanese Encephalitis (JE);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the research so far been made in this field?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (c) As informed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an indigenous vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis developed under public-partnership mode between ICMR's National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune and Bharat Biotech International Ltd., (BBIL) was launched in October 2013. The virus strain for this vaccine was isolated in Kolar, Karnataka, during early 1990's and characterized by the NIV, Pune. The strains were transferred to BBIL for further vaccine development.

Review of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)

223. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of common review missions and joint review missions conducted in West Bengal for the monitoring of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during the last three years;