THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (g) The Central Government has provided financial assistance to Goa Medical College under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new Post Graduate courses/creating Post Graduate seats, with funding pattern of 75% by Central Government and 25% by State Government. Under this scheme, out of Central Share of ₹ 16.60 crore, an amount of ₹ 16.07 crore has been released to Goa Medical College.

The Central Government has also approved upgradation of 39 Government Medical Colleges including Goa Medical College, in the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), at an approved cost of ₹ 150 crore (Central contribution - ₹ 120 crore and State Share- ₹ 30 crore) per College. Under PMSSY, upgradation in the form of creation of Super Specialty facilities is to be taken up in a phased manner, after preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for each College. The Central Government has approved M/s HSCC(I) Ltd. (a Central Government Public Sector Enterprise) for preparation of DPR in case of Goa Medical College.

Setting up of Central Medical Services Society

708. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government in 2012 had decided to set up the Central Medical Services Society (CMSS) to streamline procurement and proper distribution of quality medicines, vaccines, medical equipments etc.;
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which the CMSS is likely to start operating; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for setting up IT enabled supply chain infrastructure of medicines and other medical products for health sector in the country in a transparent and cost effective manner?

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

- (b) (i). Central Medical Services Society(CMSS), the Central Procurement Agency of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been registered as a Society on 22.03. 2012.
 - (ii). One time budgetary support of Rs. 50 crores was provided to CMSS in March, 2013.
 - (iii). Positions of Director General & CEO and four General Managers of CMSS have been filled up.

- (iv). Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) signed on 30th June, 2014 for hiring of warehouses at 21 locations.
- (v). Action Plan for making the Society operational from 1st April, 2015 has been finalized.
- (c) The following steps have been taken for setting up an IT enabled supply chain infrastructure:
 - (i). CMSS will set up an IT enabled supply chain infrastructure.
 - (ii). Support is also being provided to the States under National Health Mission (NHM) to set up IT based systems for monitoring the supplies of drugs and vaccines.

Indian Public Health Standards

709. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of facilities prescribed under the Indian Public Health Standards;
- (b) whether these facilities/norms are mandatorily followed at the district hospital level or primary health centre level;
- (c) the details of components that are covered under National Health Mission for strengthening health facilities; and
 - (d) the status of implementation of NHM components in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) have been developed for Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-District and District Hospitals. IPHS are a set of uniform standards envisaged to improve the quality of health care delivery in the country and have been used as the reference point for public health care infrastructure planning and upgradation in the States and UTs. As per IPHS guidelines, the services that different levels of facilities are expected to provide are grouped under two categories *i.e.* "Minimum Assured Services" or Essential Services and 'Desirable Services'. Essential Services should be available at the facility which includes promotive, preventive, curative, referral services and all the national health programmes. The services which are indicated as 'Desirable' are for the purpose that States should aspire to achieve for the particular level of the facility. The IPHS guidelines are available in public domain at http://nrhm.gov.in/nhm/nrhm/guidelines/indian-public-health-Standards.html