

Poor state of rural health care facilities

†715. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many people have to face severe problems in rural areas for want of modern health and medical facilities;
- (b) whether there is any plan under consideration of Government for expansion of modern medical facilities in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (d) There are many rural areas which are deficient in modern health facilities. Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide modern health and medical facilities including in the rural areas lies with State Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM) financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening their health care systems including for setting up and up-gradation of health care facilities, procurement of medical equipments etc. as per the demands posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Development of Malaria vaccine

716. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any vaccine has been developed in the country for full cure of malaria disease;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether its trials on human being have proved successful before it is launched; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) and (b) No.

(c) and (d) However, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, under Department of Biotechnology supported Malaria Vaccine Development Programme has taken up malaria vaccine development project which is at various stages of clinical trials.

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