- skills of health care providers in basic and comprehensive obstetric care of mother during pregnancy, delivery and essential newborn care.
- (14) India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) has been launched to reduce neonatal mortality and stillbirths.
- (15) Newer interventions to reduce newborn mortality have been implemented, including- Vitamin K injection at birth, Antenatal corticosteroids in preterm labour, Kangaroo mother care and injection gentamicin for possible serious bacterial infection.
- (16) Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight was observed in August 2014 focusing on ORS and Zinc distribution for management of diarrhoea and feeding practices.
- (17) Integrated Action Plan for Pneumonia and Diarrhoea (IAPPD) launched in four states with highest child mortality (UP, MP, Bihar and Rajasthan).

The quantum of funds released to the Rajasthan State under RCH Flexible Pool of NRHM during last three years is as under:

State (₹ in crores)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
	Release	Release	Release
Rajasthan	299.07	204.48	254.07

Vacant PG seats at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia PGIMER, Delhi

1809.SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has permitted the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia P.G. Institute of Medical Education and Research (RMLPGIMER) to induct a number of MD/MS students in various departments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the actual number of students pursuing MD/MS courses against the total permitted strength;
- (c) the reasons for not filling up all the permitted seats in MD/MS courses; and
 - (d) the remedial/corrective steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Government has permitted 96 seats in 13 MD/MS course at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi. Details along with actual number of students pursuing MD/ MS courses in the Academic Session 2014-15 is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The courses of the Institute are affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University. Every year, before the start of admission, the University undertakes exercise for affiliation of seats taking into account the faculty strength, infrastructure, etc. as per MCI norms. The University affiliated 91 seats of MD/MS courses out of 96 permitted seats for the Academic Session 2014-15. Against these 91 seats, 88 candidates were admitted out of which, 2 candidates one each in MD (Medicine) and MD (Pathology) left the course, in mid session. 3 seats in MD (Microbiology) course under State Quota have not been filled up for want of candidates.

Statement Details regarding permitted seats, affiliated seats and admitted students in MD/MS course in the Academic year 2014-15

MD/MS Courses

Sl. No.	Course	Total permitted seats	Seat affiliated by GGSIP University	Candidate Admitted by GGSIP University
1	2	3	4	5
1.	MD Analsthesiology	5	5	5
2.	MS ENT	6	4	4
3.	MD Dermatology	6	5	5
4.	MD General Medicine	23	23	23*
5.	MS General Surgery	10	10	10
6.	MD Microbiology	5	5	2
7,	MD Obst. &Gyane	4	4	4
8.	MS Ophthalmology	4	3	3
9.	MD Orthopaedics	6	6	6

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1	2	3	4	5
10.	MD Paediatrics	8	8	8
11.	MD Pathology	9	8	8*
12.	MD Psychiatry	3	3	3
13.	MD Radio-Diagnosis	7	7	7
	Total	96	91	88

^{*} Two students [one in MD (Medicine) and another in MD (Pathology)] left the course in the midsession.

Introduction of KVP

†1810. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) has been introduced;
- (b) the percentage of interest rate on which money will be returned to the people who make saving through KVP and the rules regarding its outline;
 - (c) whether the KVP will be available for all sections of people of the country;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether directions have been issued to all the State Governments, banks and post offices in this regard; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes Sir.

- (b) As per the recommendation of Shyamala Gopinath Committee, based on prevailing yield on Government Securities the KVPs will double the amount in 100 months. This works out to an effective rate of interest 8.7%.
- (c) and (f) KVP are available for all sections of people of the country. Initially KVP will be sold through Post Offices and later will be sold through Banks also. State Governments and Department of Posts have been requested to give wide publicity to the scheme for small savers. Media campaigns have been requested.

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.