

Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development with its 43 field units in India is engaged in creating awareness in nutrition including adolescent nutrition in collaboration with State Government/Institutions by organizing exhibitions, lectures promoting the consumption of balanced diets, green leafy vegetables and inclusion of fruits and vegetables in the daily diets, along with live demonstrations of low cost nutritious recipes using locally available foods, training of field functionaries as well as grass root level workers including adolescent girls, training in food preservation; celebration of nutrition related important events etc. and dissemination of nutrition awareness through advertisement in audio-visual and print media.

#### **Roadmap for affordable healthcare for poor**

3428. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has put in place roadmap for affordable healthcare for poor people of Gujarat and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of action Government proposes to provide affordable healthcare for the poor in the country including Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide affordable health care for poor people is that of the concerned State Governments. However, the National Health Mission (NHM) which encompasses the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) as its two sub-missions has been launched to support the States to provide accessible, affordable, effective and quality health care services especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

Under NHM support is provided to States/UTs, including Gujarat, for strengthening their health care systems based on requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Approvals against the PIPs received are provided to all States/UTs based on appraisal and resource availability.

#### **Financial assistance for cancer patients**

3429. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons in India currently suffering from cancer and the details thereof, State-wise;