

Malnutrition effect on TB cases

3449. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than two million people in the country fall prey to Tuberculosis (TB) every year because of malnutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) No. Reduction of immunity of a person can occur due to many risk factors including under-nutrition, making them susceptible to various diseases, including tuberculosis.

(b) and (c) In view of reply at (a) above, question does not arise.

Schemes for expecting mothers of BPL category

3450. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the kind and number of schemes implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the expecting mothers of the BPL category in Odisha and the number of women benefited of such schemes;
- (b) the number of primary health centres in active operation which are equipped to help the expecting mothers of the villages of Odisha and the monitoring agencies of Centre and State of such schemes;
- (c) the number of mid-wives employed in the primary health centres who are properly trained to help the expecting mothers; and
- (d) the kind of medical equipments helpful to the expecting mothers that are sanctioned for the primary health centres and are available in them in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) With a view to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality, the

Ministry has launched schemes like Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) for the pregnant women including those belonging to BPL category for all States including Odisha. The schemes are being implemented by the State.

Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) which aims at reduction in maternal and neonatal mortality by promoting institutional delivery among pregnant women by providing financial assistance was launched in 2005. In the State of Odisha, all pregnant women including women from BPL category are entitled for JSY benefit if they deliver in a Government or accredited private health facility. Further, home delivery benefit is also available to women from BPL category if they deliver at home.

The total number of beneficiaries availing JSY beneficiaries including BPL in Odisha State has increased from 26,407 during 2005-06 to 5,30,089 including 2,54,980 number of beneficiaries belonging to BPL category during 2013-14.

Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) which was launched on 1st June, 2011, entitles all pregnant women including BPL, delivering in public health institutions to absolutely free and no expense delivery including Caesarean section. The initiative stipulates free drugs, diagnostics, blood and diet, besides free transport from home to institution, between facilities in case of a referral and drop back home. Similar entitlements have been put in place for all sick infants accessing public health institutions for treatment.

The number of beneficiaries availing JSSK benefits including BPL category have increased from 5.05 lakh during 2012-13 to 5.34 lakh during 2013-14.

(b) A total of 8432 institutions are providing Primary Health care services in Odisha for all population including expecting mothers. Out of these, 1190 health institutions are fully equipped and designated as delivery points for providing quality Reproductive, Maternal, New Born, Child Health and Adolescent (RMNCH+A) services in addition to other health care services with focus on expecting mothers, as per State report.

Besides this, to monitor the performance of the health services being provided under the National Health Mission, various review methods are in place like:

- Common Review Missions: Regular review missions in partnership with development partners and State representatives are organized for review and concurrent evaluation NHM programme respectively.

- Regular supportive supervision visits by State, district and block programme officials.

(c) A total of 6322 ANMs / LHV's are engaged and trained in 21 days Skilled Birth Attendants training programme and are working at primary health centers (PHCs), sub-centers and community health centres to provide midwifery services as per State report.

(d) All essential equipments and instruments required for providing quality services to the expecting mothers are available in all delivery points and funds are also provided to procure additional equipments /instruments as per gap assessment. An amount of ₹ 164.79 Lakh is earmarked for equipments/ instruments for the PHCs during the Financial Year 2014-15 under National Health Mission Project implementation Plan as per State report.

Standardization of paramedical education

3451. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any further initiatives in order to promote quality through standardization of paramedical education and to augment human resources in Allied Health Services;

(b) whether there is any special attention for Andhra Pradesh in setting up of medical colleges for conducting paramedical courses and enhancing capacity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) The Government has initiated a process for the establishment of 'National Board for Allied Health Sciences' for standardization of Allied Health education and practice of Allied Health professions. To augment the skilled human resources capacity, the Government has initiated steps for establishing one National and eight Regional Institutes of Allied Health Sciences across the country.

(b) and (c) Yes. One of the eight Regional Institute of Allied Health Sciences (RIAHS) has been proposed to be established in Hyderabad. The State Government is yet to hand over the land for the Institute.