

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

(c) A total of 6322 ANMs / LHVs 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.