

is very poor and they are also reportedly subjected to discrimination and violence at their workplace;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to alleviate the problems of nurses and female health workers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) Public health being a State subject, administrative matters including working conditions of female health workers lie within the domain of the State Government. However, States have been asked to take necessary measures for enacting comprehensive legislation for improvement of their service conditions. States have also been requested to provide and ensure separate designated area/rest rooms for Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) at all the designated delivery points with basic provisions for their safety, privacy and comfort and support is being provided to States under the National Health Mission for this purpose.

Treatment by CGHS empanelled hospitals in emergency cases

295. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that empanelled hospitals provide cashless services to pensioners only for the diseases for which they are empanelled, even during the emergencies;

(b) if so, the extant Rules and Regulations in this regard;

(c) whether Government plans to instruct all empanelled hospitals to provide cashless facilities to pensioners and other CGHS beneficiaries, irrespective of diseases for which they are empanelled during emergencies and shift the patients to other authorized hospital after first aid;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to check exploitation/looting of patients in emergencies by empanelled hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (d) Recently, the Government has amended the terms and conditions for empanelment of private hospital under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). Now, the hospitals are empanelled as a whole, meaning that all facilities

available in the hospital would be provided to CGHS beneficiaries. Disease - specific empanelment has now been stopped.

(e) To ensure that the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement are followed scrupulously by the empanelled hospitals, a monitoring cell under the aegis of a senior officer of CGHS has been established to check irregularities including exploitation of patients. There are provisions in the MoA including issue of Show Cause Notice, issue of warning, recovery of amount charged illegally from the beneficiaries, also confiscation of part or whole of PBG (Performance Bank Guarantee), and ultimately removal from the CGHS list, that can be resorted to in appropriate cases.

Public-private partnership in health care sector

296. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of annual financial support provided to the State of West Bengal over the past three years under the National Health Mission;
- (b) whether any proposals have been made in the Health Care Sector with regard to Public Private Partnership in West Bengal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) The details of financial support provided to the State of West Bengal over the past three years under the National Health Mission Programme is as under:

Years	Amount Released* (in crore)
2011-12	931.34
2012-13	937.53
2013-14	948.51

* Excludes kind grants under Immunisation.

(b) and (c) During the F.Y. 2014-15, under the activity head of Public Private Partnership (PPP), the State made a proposal of ₹ 377.10 lakhs and the same has been approved. The approval comprises of ₹ 49.76 lakhs for Training on First Aid to School Students of Howrah District, ₹ 167.67 lakhs for providing Comprehensive Eye Care Services in LWE affected districts and ₹ 159.67 lakhs for awareness of PNDT among community and service providers.