

and equipments in PHCs is maintained at central level. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial support is provided to States/UTs inter-alia to strengthen PHCs with drugs and equipment necessary to meet the health needs of expecting mothers.

(d) As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) Bulletin, 2014, there are 1315 functional PHCs in the State of Odisha.

Upgradation of Cochin International Airport

*207. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Kerala has made a request to position Cochin International Airport in the International Hub category of Metropolitan Airports to facilitate overall aviation development and air connectivity of Kerala and the region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GAJAPATHI RAJU PUSAPATI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State Government of Kerala has requested to include Cochin International Airport as a part of initiative of Government of India to develop select airports as multi-modal regional aviation hubs. So far, GoI has identified six airports of metropolitan cities at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad for development as major international hubs and as the main access points for international travel to and from India.

Blue-print for popularising AYUSH

*208. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any blue-print to popularise AYUSH in different States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the problems being faced in this endeavour;

(c) the manner in which Government intends to solve these problems; and

(d) the response of State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Government of India has approved and notified the