

implementation of Manpower Development Schemes (Scheme-A and Scheme-B) in the country, a total of 312 new PG sets in mental health specialties have been created in the supported Institutes.

Besides, three Central Institutes viz; National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore; Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi have been strengthened for augmenting the human resources in the area of mental health and for capacity building in the country.

In the 12th Five Year Plan, establishment of 10 more Centres of Excellence and strengthening/establishing 93 PG Training Departments in mental health specialties has been approved. 241 districts have been covered under the District Mental Health Programme, being implemented under the National Health Mission.

**Target for child immunisation vaccinations**

2189. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is setting targets for child immunisation vaccinations in a bid to accelerate immunisation coverage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the targets set for the present financial year and the plan of action adopted to carry out the works?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Yes, it is a fact that Government is setting targets for child immunization vaccinations in a bid to accelerate immunization coverage.

(b) In this regard, the Government has launched “Mission Indradhanush” on 25th December, 2014 with an aim to cover all those children who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Mission Indradhanush will be a nationwide initiative with a special focus on 201 high focus districts. These districts account for nearly 50% of the total partially vaccinated or unvaccinated children in the country. Mission Indradhanush will provide protection against seven life-threatening diseases (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B). In addition, vaccination against Japanese Encephalitis and Haemophilus influenzae type B will be provided in selected districts of the country. Vaccination against tetanus will be provided to the pregnant women.

(c) The Mission focuses on interventions to rapidly increase full immunization coverage of children by approximately 5% annually and to expand full immunization coverage to at least 90% children in the next five years.

Four special vaccination campaigns will be conducted from 7th of every month starting from April, 2015 and this will cover all children less than two years of age and pregnant women for tetanus toxoid vaccine in these selected 201 districts.

#### **Bulk procurement of drugs**

2190. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to procure medicines in bulk from public as well as private drug manufacturing firms and re-brand them under Jan Aushadhi;
- (b) if so, the details of the drugs proposed to be procured; and
- (c) the steps to be taken by Government to check the quality of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) Jan Aushadhi Scheme is implemented by Department of Pharmaceuticals. As per the information provided by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened across the country since the inception of the scheme against which only 96 are functional as on date. The scheme is being revisited to expand its reach across the country. Details are being worked out by Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) in consultation with Department of Pharmaceuticals. To ensure quality in procured medicines, BPPI has prescribed certain norms for bidders/suppliers. All the supplies are sample tested batch wise at NABL accredited laboratories before being put on sale under the scheme.

#### **Right to healthcare**

2191. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to hike health spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to make health care a fundamental right similar to education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?