

other media/publicity campaigns such as organizing of National/State AROGYA fairs.

(d) The State/UT Governments are receptive to the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for implementing the same for the growth and development of AYUSH sector.

Increasing women strength in defence forces

*209. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to open more avenues for permanent commissioning of women in the Indian Army in certain streams, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of the streams in which women are inducted in Indian Army as permanent commissioned officers at present; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to increase the overall strength of women officers in the Army, Navy and Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) Women are inducted as Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) in Indian Army. Presently, women SSCOs are eligible for grant of permanent commission alongwith men SSCOs in specific branches in the Army viz. Judge Advocate General (JAG) and Army Education Corps (AEC) in terms of Government letter dated 11.11.2011.

(c) The Government has been taking steps to make Short Service Commission more attractive which in turn is also expected to encourage the intake of women officers in the Armed Forces.

National Child Health Programme

†*210. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a study conducted under National Child Health Programme has reported prevalence of diseases like anaemia, worms in stomach and teeth decay among children in many blocks of the country;

(b) if so, the effective steps to be taken by Government in this regard;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.