

Further, under NHM upto 5% funding over and above the normal allocation of the States is also provided as an incentive for those States that implement policy and systems to provide free generic medicines to all in public health facilities.

(e) and (f) Medical Council of India (MCI) in its regulations namely the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 under Clause 1.5 has prescribed as under:

“Use of Generic names of drugs: Every physician should, as far as possible, prescribe drugs with generic names and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs.”

High per centage of women undergoing sterilization

1043. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 10 times more women than men undergo sterilization surgeries in sterilization camps, even though female sterilization involves a more complicated operation than male sterilization;

(b) whether Government recognizes the fact that this has taken a toll on the health of large sections of women in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the public health infrastructure is not geared to manage sterilization and that very often the staff do not counsel women or seek their informed consent; and

(d) whether it is a fact that offering monetary incentives could result in taking undue advantage of the vulnerability of the poor and the illiterate to achieve population control?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Yes. Female sterilization is one of the most accepted methods of contraception in India. Government offers a basket of choice to the clients who adopt a method as per their choice.

(b) It is a safe procedure which leads to full recovery post the surgery.

(c) Public health infrastructure is adequate to provide sterilization services. Moreover no sterilisation procedure is carried out without the written informed consent of the client.

(d) The Government of India does not offer incentives but provides compensation to the clients for the loss of wages experienced for undergoing the procedure.