

Earlier, Government of India has taken up upgradation of Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem in the first phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana at approved outlay of 120 crore (Central Share: 100 crore and State Share: 20 crore) and Rajaji Government Medical College, Madurai, in the second phase, at an approved outlay of 150 crore (Central Share: 125 crore and State Share: 25 crore). Thanjavur Medical College and Tirunelveli Medical College, have been approved for up-gradation at outlay of 150 crore each (Centre Share: 120 crore, State Share: 30 crore), under Phase-III of PMSSY.

Avian flu in the country

1221. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Avian flu in the country;
- (b) the number of people who had died out of this during the current year; and
- (c) whether Government has issued some kind of advisory to the States to control this menace and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Avian Influenza outbreak among poultry population/wild birds have been reported from February, 2006 onwards. So far 29 outbreaks have been notified by Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. The last outbreak of Avian Influenza was reported in January, 2016 in Tripura.

- (b) No human case or death due to Avian Influenza has been reported in India.
- (c) Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India has issued advisories to the States from time to time emphasizing preparedness measures for early detection and containment of outbreak. These include surveillance, early reporting, laboratory diagnosis, stocking of logistics (Personal Protective Equipment, masks, drug/disinfectants, chemicals) and information, education and communication.

Rural internship for medical students

1222. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would consider introducing mandatory criteria for those seeking admission in the Government Medical Colleges, to serve at least for one year during their internship, in the rural and remote areas where there is no medical professional;