

Rapid rise in surgeries performed under NHM

1062. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of surgeries conducted under the NHM are growing hugely during the last five years, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether health experts caution that there may also be the possibility of "inappropriate" surgeries being performed under existing insurance and incentive-based schemes like RSBY and JSSK; and

(c) if so, Government's observation therein and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Based on the Health Management Information System (HMIS) data, there is no huge growth of surgeries during the last five years. However, due to improvement in the health facilities more people are opting for availing hospital services.

(b) and (c) No such report has been received from health experts. Under RSBY, there are provisions for hospitalization for major/minor surgeries. There were some complaints in the past relating to hysterectomy in Bihar and Chhattisgarh. Government has taken certain preventive measures so that there are no unnecessary surgeries, Government of India has issued directions to all states that for all hysterectomy operations on women of less than 40 years of age, be performed by the hospitals only with prior approval (authorization letter) from the Insurance Company.

Controlling menace of AES

1063. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of deaths caused by encephalitis (AES) in the country especially in Odisha region and how far has it been controlled;

(b) whether UP, Bihar, Assam, Odisha and West Bengal are the major regions where this problem has been going up unabated; and

(c) what are the various initiatives that have been taken to control this menace in Odisha region and other such backward areas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) 1207 people died due to acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) in 2015 as per