

As per the Report furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned a cash compensation of Rupees three lakh per affected person. In addition, the affected persons have also been sanctioned disability pension of ₹ 1,000/- per month as a rehabilitation measure. Further, the patients have been taken to the higher centres for treatment both in Government and in private sector. The cost of treatment, transport including food is being taken care of by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Cost of medical care for poor rural households

*178. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rural households which resort to private health care, in percentage; and

(b) the higher amount which the poorest rural household has to pay for undertaking private health treatment as compared to that in a public hospital/dispensary, in percentage?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) As per the publication titled "Health in India - NSS 71st Round (January-June 2014)" brought out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, in rural areas, 72% of spells of ailments for non-hospitalized care were treated in private sector (consisting of private doctors, nursing homes, private hospitals, and charitable institutes); 58% of the hospitalised cases excluding child birth were treated by private sector and 24% of child birth took place in private hospitals.

(b) The NSSO 71st Round Report No. 574 - Health in India, do not provide disaggregated data quintile wise for rural areas on expenditures in private and public health facilities. However, it states that the rural population spent, on an average, ₹ 5,636 for a hospitalised treatment in a public sector hospital and ₹ 21,726 for that in a private hospital.

Review of functioning of independent regulators

*179. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider a proposal to review the functioning of all independent regulators across sectors, if so, details thereof;