

[20 August, 2004]

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Two proposals - one dated 11th February, 2003 for establishment of Centre of Excellence in Ayurveda at Paprola, Distt. Kangra, H.P. at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.40 crores and another dated 22.8.2002 to set up a Kshar Sutra Centre in Regional Ayurveda Hospital, Shimla at the cost of Rs. 66.39 lakhs have been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh. While, Government have already approved upgradation of the HP. Government Institute of P.G. Education and Research in Ayurveda, Paprola, as a "Model Institute" of Ayurveda and released an amount of Rs. 1.65 crores, the second proposal to set up a Kshar Sutra Centre in the Regional Ayurveda Hospital, Shimla has not been found feasible.

Upgradation of PHCs

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central assistance is provided to States for upgradation of primary health centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to Maharashtra and number of PHCs upgraded during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Upgradation of existing infrastructure of Primary Health Care Institutions, is one of the major focus areas of the Government. Under Reproductive and Child Health Programmes funds are being released to the States towards minor/major civil works, repair and maintenance etc. Under the scheme an amount of Rs. 10 00 lakhs per district is provided to all States for minor repairs and maintenance of buildings, especially for operation theatres, labour rooms and for carrying out improvements in water and

electric supply. An amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs per Community Health Centre/district hospital is also available for release to all the States to improve facilities for essential and emergency obstetric services through construction/repair of operation theatres, labour rooms/or to provide/ improve facilities for these hospitals. The following funds have been released to Maharashtra under Major/Minor Civil Works during the last three years:

Years	Major Civil Works	Minor Civil Works
2001-02	3.64 crores	Nil
2002-03	Nil	0.27 crores
2003-04	12.63 crores	Nil

Following funds have also been released to Maharashtra for maintenance and Injection Safety of Cold Chain equipments and for training of Cold Chain Handlers, required for Primary Health Centres/ Community Health Centres under RCH Programme:

Years	Cold Chain Maintenance & Injection Safety	Cold Chain Handlers Training
2001-02	36.78 lakh	Nil
2002-03	36.78 lakh	8.97 lakh
2003-04	Nil	Nil

A German assisted Basic Health Project (1996-2005) is under implementation in four districts of Maharashtra, namely Sindhurg, Ratnagiri, Pune and Raigarh. Under this project 14 Primary Health Centre (PHCs) and 3 Rural Hospitals have been renovated/upgraded so far and renovation/upgradation work is in progress in 12 PHCs and 2 Rural Hospitals. The total cost of the project is 49.94 crores out of which 25.68 crores have already been released.