

The Working Group held two meetings: first on 19th November 2003 and the second meeting on 24th November 2003. Working Group suggested ways for reduction in the prices of Anti-retroviral drugs and testing/diagnostic equipment required for the treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS. The Working Group also recommended logistics for distribution of antiretroviral drugs to health care facilities.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Grant-in-Aid to States under NIAF

1879. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Grant-in-Aid released to States under "National Illness Assistance Fund" (NIAF) uptill 31st March, 2004;

(b) the ailments/diseases eligible for assistance under the scheme;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the budgetary outlay to the fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Rs. 42.075 crores.

(b) The details are given in the Statement (See below)

(c) to (e) Rs. 2.90 crores have been kept as the budget outlay for the year 2004-05. Depending upon the trend of expenditure and demand from the State Governments, if required more fund can be requisitioned at RE. Stage.

Statement

ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF CATEGORIES OF TREATMENT FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE IS TO BE PROVIDED FROM THE RASHTRIYA AROGYA AIDHI

1. Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery

Pacemakers disposable for interventional procedure including TMT, Echocardiography Coronary Angiography, Angioplasty Atherectomy, Heart surgery for Congenital and Acquired conditions including C.A.B.G., Vascular Surgery stents and Cardiac Transplantation, etc.

2. Cancer

Radiation treatment of all kinds. Anti-Cancer Chemotherapy.

3. Urology/Nephrology

Dialysis along-with consumable goods (coils and dialysis solution etc.) Vascular shunts for Dialysis, P.C.N. & P.C.N.L Kits, Lithotripsy (for stones)-disposables and stents for endoscopic surgical procedure in Urology and Gastroenterology, Renal & Hepatee transplantation.

4. Orthopaedics

Artificial prosthesis for limbs, implants and total hip and knee replacement external fixaters, AO implants used in the treatment of bone disease and fractures.

5. Miscellaneous

Intra-ocular lens implants, Vitro-retinal surgery including Silicon Oil and Perfluro carbon liquid, hearing aids and shunts for hydrocephalus.

6. Investigations

Ultra-sound, Doppler study, Radioneulcolide scans, CT scan, Mammography, Angiography for all organs, M.R.I., E.E.G., E.M.G., Urodynamic studies.

7. Drugs

Immuno-supressive durg/, Anti TB drugs, Anti D, Anti Haemophilie globulin, Erythropoiten, Blood & Blood products/Plasma for patients of burn, Drugs for Glaucoma like Latanoprost & Brimonodine.

8. Other major illness considered appropriate for assistance by Medical Superintendent/Committee of Doctors could be added to the list.

Pesticide Residues in Food Items

1880. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Council of Medical Research has found that 51 per cent of food items were contaminated with pesticide residues; and