

Introduction of plastic currency of higher denomination

4412. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decide to introduce plastic note of denomination of ₹ 10 in five cities soon, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government may also consider to come out with plastic currency of even more higher denomination in case the said plastic currency is found adoptable, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) It has been decided to conduct a field trial with plastic bank notes in ₹ 10/- denomination at five locations of the country. Approval for procurement of plastic substrate and printing of bank notes of ₹ 10 denomination on plastic bank note substrates has been conveyed to RBI. Since the proposal to introduce the plastic bank notes is at a trial stage, the decision on replacement of currency notes with plastic notes will depend on the outcome of field trial.

Schemes for imparting skill training for staff of wellness centres

4413. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government defines 'wellness centres' and in what way is the definition different from the definition of Primary Health Centres (PHCs);

(b) whether Government plans to introduce schemes that would impart necessary skill training to the professionals to be employed in the wellness centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) to (c) As per National Health Policy (NHP) 2017, the existing Sub-Centres would be upgraded and Primary Health Centres reoriented to Health and Wellness Centres. These Centres will provide comprehensive set of preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care package, including geriatric health care and palliative care services. Upgraded Sub-Health Centres will be led by mid-level healthcare service providers after appropriate courses like a B.Sc. in Community Health or through competency-based bridge courses for Nurses and Ayurveda Doctors etc.