

- Newer interventions to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity - Diagnosis and management of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus, Hypothyroidism during pregnancy, Training of General Surgeons for performing Caesarean Section, Calcium supplementation during pregnancy and lactation, De-worming during pregnancy, Maternal Near Miss Review, Screening for Syphilis during pregnancy and Dakshata guidelines for strengthening intra-partum care.
- The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) has been introduced with the aim of conducting special ANC checkups for pregnant women (in their 2nd/3rd Trimesters of pregnancy) in the country on 9th of every month by Medical Officer/OBGY specialist in the Government health facilities and also through Private sector on voluntary basis for tracking of high risk pregnancy to ensure institutional deliveries.
- Enhancing the availability of human resources particularly in high priority districts (HPDs) through a slew of measures like - improving retention of specialists, medical officers and nursing personnel particularly in difficult areas through special incentives; hiring of contractual personnel including MOs and Nurses particularly for operationalization of comprehensive RMNCH services at Delivery Points.
- To sharpen the focus on the low performing districts, 184 High Priority Districts (HPDs) have been prioritized for Reproductive Maternal New-born Child Health+ Adolescent (RMNCH+A) interventions for achieving improved maternal and child health outcomes.
- The Government has framed a set of Performance Based Incentives for the human resource working in these HPDs.
- Referral transport for pregnant women, sick neonates and sick infants is being provided by the States as per their local needs, using different models *i.e.* 108/102 which include a network of emergency response vehicles using toll free number, Government ambulances, available transport under public private partnership etc.

#### **Regulatory body for Physiotherapists**

4417. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the regulatory and controlling body at national level for physiotherapists;

(b) whether Government plans to create an independent Central Council for Physiotherapists to regularize physiotherapy education and recruitment;

(c) whether Government is taking action for cadre restructuring of physiotherapy profession as per Seventh Pay recommendations;

(d) whether Government has plans to introduce physiotherapy at primary health centre/District health centre/District Hospital levels;

(e) whether Government has plan to enact physiotherapy as a counterpart of yoga in allopathic system of medicine; and

(f) whether Government has plan to bring physiotherapy under Ministry of AYUSH and create a new nomenclature as PAYUSH?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) to (f) There is no Central regulatory or controlling body for physiotherapists. There is no plan at present to create Independent Central Council for Physiotherapists.

**Administrative authority over Ayurvedic doctors in CGHS dispensaries**

†4418. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayurvedic doctors working under Central Government Health Scheme in Delhi have got administrative autonomy;

(b) whether the administrative controlling power such as power of posting of IVth class employees, operational power etc. remain with the CMO incharge of Allopathy where Allopathy, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathy dispensaries are working in one campus;

(c) if so, whether it should not be considered as unnecessary intervention of Allopathy system in administrative works of other medical systems;

(d) whether the same situation is not prevalent in Ayurvedic dispensary situated at Delhi Cantonment; and

(e) if so, the steps Government would take to remove this discrepancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) and (b) Neither ayurvedic doctors

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.