

(a) whether the Health Ministry is concerned with ensuring supply of good quality food items and taking care of people only when they fall ill; and

(b) the activities taken up by Government towards adopting good healthy lifestyle and food habits to keep diseases at bay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) and (b) The Ministry is conscious of the fact that food and nutrition play a vital role in ensuring good health and accordingly, a number of steps have been initiated to achieve the optimal health outcomes. Besides, setting up large number of standards and their enforcement, emphasis has been given to Good Hygiene and Sanitary Practices in all sectors of food industry. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched various initiatives such as Safe and Nutritious Food at School, Home, Workplace, Street Food, Restaurants, Railways, Places of Worship, etc. aimed at promoting safe food and good eating habits at these places. Further, the stakeholders across the country, including consumers, are educated about various aspects of food safety and hygiene through communication platforms such as print and outdoor media campaigns, digital and social media, documentary films, education booklets, stalls at Fairs/Melas/Events, Mass Awareness Campaigns, etc. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also implementing other programmes which focus *inter alia* on including increased intake of healthy foods, physical activity, avoidance of tobacco and alcohol, stress management, etc.

Financial impact of 7th CPC on medical institutes

4426. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical institutes are finding difficulty to comply with Governments circular to generate 30 per cent of additional financial impact incurred on implementing 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC);

(b) whether most of the medical institutes have said that it will not be possible to generate the 30 per cent of additional financial impact without burdening patients and for them Government hospitals are the last hope especially for the poorer section of our society;

(c) whether most institutions have now written to Government explaining the difficulty; and

(d) if so, details thereof and steps proposed to be taken up by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) to (d) Government has not put any mandatory condition on Medical Institutes to generate 30% of the additional financial impact incurred on implementing the 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC). Most Medical Institutes have expressed inability to meet 30% of the additional financial impact. Therefore, the Ministry has submitted 13 proposals so far to the Ministry of Finance for relaxation in the condition to bear 30% of additional financial impact.

Increasing the reach of health insurance coverage

4427. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Family Health Survey has revealed that the health insurance coverage has shown a big increase in the last ten years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of health insurance cover increased from 4.8 per cent around ten years to 28 per cent of households in 2014-15;

(c) whether there are State-wise figures of this survey;

(d) the details of coverage in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(e) whether any steps will be taken to enhance insurance coverage in these two States, if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) and (b) Yes. Percentage of households with any usual member covered by a health scheme or health insurance has increased from 4.8 in National Family Health Survey 3 (NFHS -3) (2005-06) to 28.7 in NFHS-4 (2015-16).

(c) Details indicating State/UT-wise percentage of households with any usual member covered by a health scheme or health insurance from NFHS-4 and NFHS-3 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) According to NFHS-4 data percentage of households with any usual member covered by a health scheme or health insurance in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is 74.6 and 66.4 respectively.