

A Roadmap has been drawn to undertake activities towards taking steps for malaria elimination. Operational Guidelines for Malaria Elimination and Manual on Integrated Vector Management have been developed and shared with all the States / UTs.

(c) and (d) Elimination of malaria by 2022 has been envisaged for all 26 States including 15 low (Category 1) and 11 moderate (Category 2) transmission States/Union Territories.

(e) No funds are received directly from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for this programme.

#### **Nursing colleges in the country**

†2208. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any such scheme for opening at least one nursing college in the districts that do not have a medical college, so that the reach of medical facilities could be expanded;

(b) if so, the number of medical colleges to be opened in Bihar out of the proposed 58 medical colleges in the first phase under the scheme for opening new medical colleges, affiliated to the existing District/ referral hospitals and the districts where they are proposed to be opened; and

(c) the number of districts that will be left out and the scheme for opening nursing colleges therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Under the Phase-I of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'. Out of 58 proposed new medical colleges, 3 Districts namely Purnia, Saran (Chhapra) and Samastipur in Bihar have been identified for opening of new medical colleges. Out of these, the proposals for opening of two new medical colleges at Purnia and Saran (Chhapra) have been approved and an amount of ₹52 crore has been released. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Samastipur is not approved.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.