

- Food Safety and Standard Authority of India under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have launched 'The Eat Right Movement', which aims to reduce obesity by addressing the risk factors such as excessive consumption of foods with high salt, sugar and fat content.
- A booklet called "The Yellow Book" on healthy eating for school children has been sent to the States for distribution among students in schools.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is implementing Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. Apart from the existing schemes, recently POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission) has been implemented for improving the nutritional indicators among children and pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Additionally, the Food and Nutrition Board of the MWCD through its regional field units, is engaged in conducting training programmes in nutrition for generating awareness through nutrition education programmes. Importance of healthy balanced diets is being emphasized through the use of locally available foods, mass awareness campaigns and use of electronic and print media.

**New hospitals under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha
Yojana in Andhra Pradesh**

745. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has not selected any Government medical College/Hospital for Upgradation during Phase II and Phase IV of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government will propose to compensate that by including any Government Medical College/Hospital in the next phase; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) Government of India has taken up 73 Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) for upgradation in various States/UTs of the country to provide super speciality medical care facilities.

Following 3 Government Medical Colleges in Andhra Pradesh have already been approved for upgradation under different phases of PMSSY:

- (i) Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati under Phase-I.
- (ii) Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada under Phase-III.
- (iii) Govt. Medical College, Anantpur under Phase-III.

However, the identification of GMCs for upgradation under Pradhan Mantri Swasthys. Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) is based on the following considerations/objectives:

- (i) Availability of tertiary health care services both in public and private sectors in the regions, and gaps thereof.
- (ii) To remove regional disparity in the availability of tertiary level healthcare facilities in the identified region/State, especially in the backward areas.
- (iii) NHM initiative particularly in the EAG States and other backward and vulnerable region will create the demand for affordable quality tertiary health care, as this continues to be largely unmet.
- (iv) There are many requests from the State Governments, representations of public representative etc. to improve the infrastructural facilities in the respective medical College institutions.
- (v) GMCs have been included across the country in different States to bridge the gaps in availability of and to bring about equitable upgradation of tertiary health care services in the entire country in various phases of PMSSY.

Screening of patients for tuberculosis and leprosy

746. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is all set to start universal screening for tuberculosis and leprosy;