

- (i) 2015-16 - ₹ 1.52 lakh crores
- (ii) 2016-17 - ₹ 2.26 lakh crores
- (iii) 2017-18 - ₹ 2.25 lakh crores.

(e) The public health services in India are perceived to be inadequate. This has led to the emergence of a large private sector in health that contributes towards commercialization of the health sector.

The focus of the Government is to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality healthcare facilities to all section of society especially the marginalized section in the country without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence, mainly through its two major initiatives viz. National Health Mission and Ayushman Bharat.

#### **New medical colleges in Bihar**

†768. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the places in Bihar where new medical colleges are planned to be opened and the updated status thereof;
- (b) the progress made with regard to opening of medical college in Buxar and by when it would be established as per the current situation;
- (c) whether it is a fact that no land has been made available so far for the proposed medical college in Samastipur: and
- (d) if so, whether Government has made any effort for acquisition of land so that the college can be set up by providing required land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) This Ministry administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals. Under the Phase-I of this Scheme, three districts in Bihar namely, Purnia, Saran (Chhapra) and Samastipur have been identified to establish new medical colleges. Purnia and Saran (Chhapra) have been approved for establishment of new medical colleges and funds to the tune of ₹ 108.00 crore have been released to the State Government of Bihar. DPR for medical college at Samastipur has not been

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

approved due to land related issue. In this regard, the Ministry has requested State Government of Bihar several times to identify land or to submit alternative proposal.

Under the Phase-II of this Scheme, five blocks were identified in Bihar for establishment of new medical colleges on Challenge Mode. The State Government has selected Sitamarhi, Jhanjharpur, Siwan, Buxar and Jamui under the above Scheme. Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been received from the State Government. However, DPRs have not been approved by the Ministry as land is not available at any of the 5 locations at present. The State Government has been requested to identify the land as early as possible.

#### **Cases of Indians undergoing angioplasty in Singapore**

769. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Singapore is fast becoming the choice destination for treatment for cardiac ailment for Indians;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of angioplasty cases undergone by Indians have increased manifold in Singapore after Government's decision in 2017 to cap prices of stents used for patients with heart ailments; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) to (c) There have been media reports about increase in Indian patients in Singapore demanding high end medical technology after Government's decision to cap prices of stents. However, no such record is maintained by this Ministry.

Government has taken many initiatives, including capping of prices of stents, with the objective of providing affordable healthcare to the people.

#### **Action taken under Drugs and Cosmetics Act**

770. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn samples of any drugs or cosmetics manufactured by Companies for test/analysis as per the Provisions of Section-22 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 during the last three years;