

- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to control this inflation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) No. Sir. There has been massive moderation in food Inflation over the last four years. Food inflation based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) averaged 6.4 per cent in 2014-15. It declined to 4.9 per cent in 2015-16, to 4.2 per cent in 2016-17 and further came down to 1.8 per cent in 2017-18. During the current financial year, it has declined from 2.8 per cent in April, 2018 to (-) 2.6 per cent in November, 2018 and has averaged 0.9 per cent upto November, 2018. Even the headline inflation based on Consumer Price Index - Combined (CPI-C) has reduced notably from 5.9 per cent in 2014-15 to 3.6 per cent in 2017-18. It was only 2.3 per cent in November, 2018.

Strengthening healthcare infrastructure in Visakhapatnam, A.P.

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under National Health Mission (NHM), Government has identified Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh as one of the High Priority Districts which have weak healthcare infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the measures Government has taken under NHM to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in Visakhapatnam;
- (c) the details of fund allocated, sanctioned, released and spent on healthcare infrastructure in Visakhapatnam and physical targets set and achieved so far; and
- (d) which are the other districts identified as High Priority Districts in Andhra Pradesh and status of each district?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Visakhapatnam has been identified as one of the High Priority District in the State of Andhra Pradesh based on composite health index of districts. Public Health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility of providing accessible, affordable and quality healthcare and strengthening the healthcare infrastructure in the State including in the High Priority District of Visakhapatnam lies with the State Government. Following measures have been taken under NHM to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in Visakhapatnam:-

- The Area Hospital in Anakapalli upgraded as District Hospital

- Community Health Centres in Araku and Paderu upgraded as Area Hospitals
- 100 bedded Maternal and Child Health Centre constructed at Anakapalli
- CT Scan Services provided in Area Hospital, Paderu,
- eUrban Primary Health Centre opened at Narsipatnam
- 25 eUrban Primary Health Centres opened in Visakhapatnam
- Tele Radiology services in 8 Centres
- Dialysis services at Area Hospital, Narsipatnam and Paderu
- Sick and New-born Care Unit at District Hospital, Anakapalli, King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, Victoria Government Hospital, Visakhapatnam, Community Health Centre, Chintapalli, Community Health Centre, Paderu
- Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres at King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, CHC, Paderu.
- New-born Screening Units at Community Health Centres, Narsipatnam, Kotapadu, Kotauratla, Nakkapalli, Chodavarm, Agnampudi, Yelamanchili, Bheemili
- Mini Sick and New-born Child Units at CHC, Munchingputt, Community Health Centre, Araku and Area Hospital, Narsipatnam
- District Early Intervention Centre at King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam
- Tele Ophthalmology facility in 9 Centres
- Radio Frequency Identification service at District Hospital, Anakapalli
- Establishment of Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics
- Thalassemia Management
- 113 Health and Wellness Centres Operationalised.

(c) The details of funds allocated and sanctioned, released and spent on health infrastructure during the last three years in Visakhapatnam, as intimated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, are as under:-

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Sanction	Releases	Expenditure
2015-16	34.09	34.09	24.22
2016-17	35.83	35.83	20.43
2017-18	34.20	34.20	25.68

Budget is approved in Record of Proceedings (RoP) for the activities under various health programmes including healthcare infrastructure for the entire State. Government of India does not directly allocate funds or specifies physical targets for the Districts.

(d) The other High Priority Districts are Vizianagaram, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chittoor. The status on various indicators included in the composite health index is given in the Statement.

Statement

Status on various indicators included in the composite health index

Sl. No.	District	Percentage of births of order 3 or more (%)	Current Usage- Any Modern FP Method (%)	Mothers who received 4 or more ANC (%)	Safe Delivery (%) - Total	Children aged 12-23 months Fully Immunized (%)	Malnutrition of Children- Children under 5 years who are under-weight (weight-for-age) (%)
1.	Visakhapatnam	12.8	69.0	82.5	82.8	66.0	33.1
2.	Y.S.R. Cuddapah	18.8	59.2	83.5	95.9	65.3	34.4
3.	Vizianagaram	12.4	71.6	70.4	95.4	49.3	34.4
4.	Anantapur	15.5	65.3	77.5	89.1	76.3	39.3
5.	Chittoor	14.8	59.5	70.4	87.9	67.7	32.4
6.	Kurnool	22.1	65.9	71.7	86.2	66.1	37.5