

Healthcare initiatives undertaken in Kerala

2956. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the major initiatives in health sector taken by Government in the State of Kerala especially after the recent floods in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): Public Health and Hospital is a state subject. Under National Health Mission (NHM) support is being provided to States for strengthening of their healthcare system including based on the proposals received from them in their Programme Implementation Plans.

This support under NHM includes provision of a host of services such as maternal health, child health, adolescent health, family planning, universal immunisation programme, and for major diseases such as Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, vector borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue and Kala Azar, Leprosy etc. Other major initiatives for which states are being supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)(under which free drugs, free diagnostics, free blood and diet, free transport from home to institution, between facilities in case of a referral and drop back home is provided), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementation of NHM Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, PM National Dialysis Programme and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework.

In reference to recent floods, against the proposals received from the State Government of Kerala, approvals of Rs 122.76 crores have been accorded. These approvals include additional Untied Funds @ Rs 10,000/- per Village Health Sanitation and Nutritional Committee (VHSNC) (for 18,712 VHSNCs against the total 19,489 VHSNCs in Kerala) by relaxing the norms.

Involving private sector in running district hospitals

2957. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for private participation in district hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any districts have been identified to try the above model on pilot basis in any State, especially Rajasthan, if so, details thereof; and