

(c) whether an Additional MS has been made Head of the Department of Cardiology, Safdarjung Hospital, in contravention of laid down rules and norms; and

(d) if so, corrective action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) As informed by Medical Council of India "Dean / Principal / Director of Medical college / institution, who is head of the institute and the Medical Superintendent who is head of the affiliated teaching hospital can be in-charge of a Unit but cannot be Head of the Department (HoD) in the medical college/institution."

One Additional Medical Superintendent has recently been made HoD of Cardiology Department of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi as per the functional requirement of the hospital which is not in contravention of laid down rules.

Postponement of polio immunization day campaign

1006. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Immunization Days (NIDs) are mass campaigns during which doses of Oral Poliovirus Vaccine (OPV) are given to children under the age of five across the country; and

(b) whether polio immunization day campaign has been postponed and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes, it is a fact.

(b) Yes, the 2019 National Immunization Day (NID) for polio campaign has been rescheduled to 10th March 2019. This has been done to ensure availability of safe and quality polio vaccine to our children.

Shortage of bivalent oral polio vaccine in the country

1007. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the required quantity of bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) for each polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) programme;

- (b) the details of the current stock of bOPV with Government; and
- (c) whether there is any shortage of bOPV in the country, if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) About 22.5 crores doses of bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) is required for each polio National Immunization Days (NID) programme.

- (b) Currently 22.5 crore doses of bOPV has been secured for upcoming NID.
- (c) No, there is no shortage of bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) vaccine in the country.

Progress made under PMJAY

1008. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) has begun its implementation;
- (b) if so, the progress made under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), State-wise;
- (c) the details of allocation made under the Scheme, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of third-party administrators associated, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) was launched on 23.09.2018.

(b) The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for implementing PMJAY has been signed by National Health Agency (now National Health Authority) with 33 States/UTs to implement PMJAY. Out of these 33 States/UTs, 29 have already started extending services to the targeted beneficiaries.

(c) The State-wise details of funds released under PMJAY up to 31.01.2019 are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(d) The PMJAY is being implemented through trust/insurance as well as mixed