

Proposals of Government of Himachal Pradesh

508. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh for strengthening of Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Paprola, Project on Health Tourism (Panchkarma), Development of Herbal Garden Dhumrera Rohroo, Shimla, upgradation of institute of PG Education and Research Paprola; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The following assistance has been provided to Himachal Pradesh:

- (i) Rs. 73.72 lakhs has been released for opening of Panchkarma Centres in Hotels to Promote Health Tourism in Himachal Pradesh.
- (ii) Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for development of Herbal Garden, Dhumrera, Rohroo, Shimla under Central Scheme for development & cultivation of Medicinal Plants.
- (iii) Rs. 8.77 lakhs has been sanctioned to Instt. Of Postgraduate Education and Research, Paprola for upgradation.
- (iv) Rs. 95 lakhs to Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Majara, Rs. 75.00 lakhs to Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Joginder Nagar has been released. In addition Rs. 75.79 lakhs has also been released for State Drug Testing Laboratory, Joginder Nagar.

Introduction of a new technique for diabetics

509. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report that a new technique has been introduced for diabetics, who have severe heart problem, which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 24th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how his Ministry is going to publicize it for the common cause of the diabetics with heart disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. According to the news item, the doctors at a private hospital in Delhi, carried out Endoscopic Vein Harvesting (EVH), a new technique on a diabetic patient while performing the procedure of coronary bypass surgery on him. In the procedure, rather than having a large incision in the leg of the patient, an endoscope is connected to a video camera and inserted through one to three small incisions in the leg allowing the surgeon to remove a vein with minimal stress to the leg. The technique is used is still new and it takes time to get wide-spread acceptance. Further, the procedure has its own advantages & disadvantages. As every surgical patient is unique, it is for the surgical team to recommend the best procedure for a patient.

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Setting up of PHCs in NER

510. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres proposed to be set up in the North-Eastern Region during the Tenth Plan;

(b) the details of places identified in the NER for establishing of such PHCs; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made for the propose for NER during the above plan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission targets for the establishment of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in North-Eastern States during the Tenth Five Year Plan for making up shortfalls of one PHC for every 30,000 population in plain area and 20,000 population in tribal area, are as under:—

Assam	116
Nagaland	8
Tripura	38