

Regarding release of National Health Mission (NHM) funds to West Bengal-laid

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR): The changes in the colour brand by way of repairing so many buildings would involve significant infrastructure expenditure. Our Hon?ble CM wrote to Hon?ble Prime Minister seeking his intervention for the release of funds under National Health Mission (NHM) to West Bengal and for removal of specific colour branding conditionalities for the Health and Wellness Centres for release of fund under the NHM, so that poor people do not suffer from lack of quality health services. Government of West Bengal has been providing affordable, accessible and quality healthcare free of cost to all through 11,000 functional health and wellness centres, which cater to over 3 lakh people every day. The buildings have been constructed since 2011 in accordance with the colour branding in the state. The release of fund under NHM has been stopped by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on grounds of non-compliance with certain colour branding guidelines in the health and wellness centres despite other conditionalities being fulfilled. I urge upon the Government through this august House to release the NHM funds to the State of West Bengal at the earliest.