GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:47 ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000 HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME CHADA SURESH REDDY;MUDRAGADA PADMANABHAM

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the heavy burden of medical expenses on the common people;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide health coverage to all citizens especially those with inadequate means under any of the health insurance schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 47 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2000

Health is a State subject and State Governmentsmake provision for the health care of the common man through different schemes and programmes. The Central government also provides assistance to control the burden of communicable diseases affecting the common man through various centrally-sponsored schemes like National Anti Malaria Programme, National TB Control Programme and National AIDS Control Programme. The provision made for these programmes in the Ninth Five Year Plan is annexed.

Certain schemes of health insurance run by Indian Insurance Companies, are currently available. With the opening of the insurance sector to foreign investment, more health insurance products are likely to become available in the country.

ANNEXURE

Approved outlay for the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) for Major National Health Programmes

S.No Name of the Programme Total Outlay (Rs. In Crores) 1. (a) National Anti Malaria Programme including Kala-Azar, Filaria and J.E. Control Programme 1030.00 (b) National Dengue Control Programme 301.00 2. National Leprosy Eradication Programme 3. National Tuberculosis Control Programme 450.00 4. National Programme for Control of Blindness 448.00 National AIDS Control Programme including 760.00 5. Blood Safety measures and National S.T.D. Control Programme