

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the places in the country where Health Melas have been organized during the year 2000 and proposed to be organized during 2001;
- (b) the rationale behind organizing these melas; and
- (c) the estimated amount spent by the Central Government on these melas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) Health Melas have been organised in Mathura (U.P.), Delhi, Kargil (J & K) and Patna (Bihar) during the year 2000. State Governments have proposed Health Melas at Lucknow (U.P.), Ghazipur (U.P.), Imphal (Manipur), Bhopal (M.P.), Guahati (Assam) and Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- (b) The Health Melas aim to meet the unmet need for high quality services, with convergence and integrated delivery for all segments of population. People become aware of a number of options before them in terms of the different systems of medicine (allopathy, homeopathy, ayurveda and unani). People begin to comprehend the linkages between promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care as well as between the primary, secondary - tertiary health sectors. They get sensitised to the role of Central Government, State Government, elected local bodies, NGOs and professional organisations. The pre-mela demographic and epidemiological surveys along with the behavioral and KAP surveys provide vast amounts of data about a given city and its hinterland.
- (c) An expenditure of about Rs. 12.00 lakh only has been made by Central Government on four health melas held so far.