

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ZERO BASE BUDGETING IN CENTRALLY SPONSORED HEALTH SCHEMES

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

- (a) the basis for the assistance extended to the States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme in his Ministry;
- (b) whether zero based budgeting has been introduced in these Centrally Sponsored Schemes; and
- (c) if so, the impact on each of the States since the introduction of zero based budgeting?

Answer

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

(a) Health is a State subject. Hence, State Governments are primarily responsible for the provision of preventive, promotive and curative health care services. However, Central Government extends assistance to various States in the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Health programmes for control of major diseases like Malaria, TB, Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS.

(b) & (c) A review of ongoing health schemes is undertaken periodically and in the context of zero based budgeting exercise. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes for control of major diseases have been continued since these are crucial in order to bring down the levels of morbidity and mortality due to various diseases in the country. The implementation of the disease control programmes in all the States has brought about a general improvement in the various health indicators in the country.