

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3990

ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003

ILLNESS ASSISTANCE FUND

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have requested the State Governments to set up Illness Assistance Fund for the benefit of poor and needy persons;
- (b) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;
- (c) the names of the State Governments which have set up Illness Assistance Fund so far;
- (d) the details of the grant-in-aid made available by the Union Government to each of the State for the said fund during the last three years; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries who received assistance from the said fund and the amount received by each of them during the above mentioned period?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The States of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Kerala, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Goa, Gujarat, Sikkim, Bihar and Jharkhand have set up State Illness Assistance Fund. The remaining States have been reminded to set up such Funds, from time to time

d) The details of grant-in-aid released to States during the last three years are furnished in the Statement enclosed.

(e) Data with regard to the number of beneficiaries who received assistance from the said fund, and the quantum received by each of them is not maintained in this Ministry. However, the State Governments are required to publish the list of beneficiaries under Illness Assistance Fund in leading newspapers of the State.

ANNEXURE referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3990 for 9.4.2003.

The grant-in-aid released to States during last three years

Year	States released)	Amount (to which grant was (Rs. In crores)
2000-01	Sikkim	0.25
	J & K	0.125
	Bihar	1.25
	Goa	0.15
2001-2002	Chhatisgarh	0.50
	Andhra Pradesh	2.50
2002-2003	Jharkhand	1.50
	Rajasthan	1.00