

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:4
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000
NON-UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH PROGRAMMES
A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the funds allocated for various health programmes run by the Union Govt. are not being utilised properly;
- (b) if so, the funds allocated for health programmes and the actual amount spent thereon during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether a cut has to be effected in the allocated funds under the budgetary provisions due to slackness in spending the allocated funds;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bridge the gap between the spending capacity and budgetary allocations?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the table of Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 4 FOR 24.7.2000

(a)&(b): Funds are utilised with due care as per set procedures and for the purpose for which they are approved. Allocations of funds and actual expenditure in respect of major National Health Programmes during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 are annexed.

(c)to(e): There has been some shortfall in Plan expenditure during initial years of Ninth Five Year Plan. In the early part of Plan period, the expenditure took sometime to build up as the modalities for implementation of new projects which are externally funded, had to be finalised. In the case of National Anti- Malaria Programme and National T.B. Control Programme, the procurement could not be undertaken as envisaged because of various factors including non-finalisation of the procurement agencies as well as drug supply orders and delayed start of the programmes. Since then separate procurement Agencies have been appointed for different programmes. With the passage of time, the trend of expenditure has improved significantly through regular and intensive monitoring of various programmes.

ANNEXURE

Allocation and Expenditure (Plan) in respect of major National Health Programmes during 1997-98 to 1999-2000

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		Allocation	Revised Estimate	Expenditure	Allocation	Revised Estimate	Expenditure	Allocation	Revised Estimate	Expenditure	Allocation	Revised Estimate	Expenditure
1.	National Anti Malaria Programme	200.00	190.00	143.14	297.00	227.00	163.35	250.00	205.00	175.30			
2.	National Leprosy Eradication Programme	75.00	79.00	79.56	79.00	79.00	78.03	85.00	82.00	81.95			

3.National T.B. Control Programme 90.00 80.00 31.31 125.00 72.00 68.88 105.00 95.00 87.56

4.National Programme for Control of Blindness 70.00 70.00 58.06 75.00 75.00 72.85 85.00 84.00 83.54

5.National AIDS Control Programme 100.00 124.50 120.82 111.00 111.00 99.36 140.00 140.00 130.97

6. National Cancer Control Programme 20.00 25.75 19.87 30.00 30.00 29.53 35.00 40.75 40.74