

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

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HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to distribute medicines free of cost to the poor under the Health Insurance Scheme as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated September 17, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of people targeted to be covered under the scheme and the total amount proposed to be spent thereon along with the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented and the total amount to be paid by each person for th insurance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) No sir, The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers had mooted an idea of introducing health and pharmaccess for launching a health insurance scheme for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, however, such a proposal could not be approved.

In order to reduce the out of pocket expenditure of the rural poor, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the National Rural Health Mission has prepared a framework for introducing health insurance schemes. The States have been requested to prepare need based, community oriented innovative and flexible insurance policies for implementation on pilot basis in the initial years.