

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RAJIV AAROgyASRI COMMUNITY HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

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

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for financial assistance for Rajiv Aarograsri Community Health Insurance Scheme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir.A Pilot project for implementation of Health Insurance Scheme from Andhra Pradesh for Anantapur,Mahboobnagar and Srikakulam Districts was received with the request for providing funds to the tune of Rs.46.20 Crores.The proposal received from Government of Andhra Pradesh deviated from the framework for Health Insurance under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] for providing funding support to the states under this scheme.Also the number of BPL families estimated by the state was not as per the Planning Commission guidelines.As such an amount of Rs.10 Crores has been agreed for the year 2007-08, as token support,appreciating the new initiative of the State Government, for implementation of the pilot project in three Districts.

Government of Andhra Pradesh implemented the Aarogyasri Community Health Insurance Scheme in five more districts of Chittoor, East Goadavari,West Godavari,Nalgonda and Ranga Reddy in Second Phase from 5th December 2007 with funding from the State resources.Proposal for extension of the Scheme to 15 more districts during the year 2008-09 has been made by the State Government in the Programme Implementation Plan [PIP] of 2008-09 under NRHM.