

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to implement health insurance scheme similar to `Rajiv Arogya shree` being implemented in Andhra Pradesh to cover BPL population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to enhance the funding for `Arogyashree` Services; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): No. Does not arise.

(c) & (d): No. It is not proposed to enhance the funding for Rajiv Aarogyasri Scheme under NRHM because it provides support for costly Tertiary Care Surgical Interventions. The primary thrust of the NRHM is to strengthen the public system, provide primary inpatient care and to seek partnerships from the non-governmental sector for public health goals wherever needed.