GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL FACILITIES IN NAXALITE AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether immediate medical attention is not being paid to the injured persons in the terrorists attacks in the naxalite affected areas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has contemplated to make available super speciality health services in view of the inadequate health facilities in the naxalite areas:
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to appoint doctors and other employees at the health centres and subcentres of Naxalite affected areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) financial assistance is provided to States to strengthen the existing health facilities and also to put in place a system of Emergency Medical Transport Services. Further, assistance for procurement of ambulances is also provided. High Focus Districts which include naxalite affected districts are given preference in operationalising these services. State Government through their health facilities provide medical attention to injured persons.
- (b) & (c) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthaya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), the Government is setting up one AllMS like institution each in the States of Bihar, Chhastisgarh and Orissa.

In the State of Jharkhand, upgradation of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi has been approved with 172 bedded Super Speciality Block and 68 bedded Oncology Block.

In Bihar the upgradation of Government Medical College, Dharbhanga and Government Medical College, Muzaffarpur has also been approved.

In the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) and SVIMS, Tirupati have been upgraded. A 300 bedded Super Speciality Block and 200 bedded Emergency and Trauma Centre has been constructed at NIMS, Hyderabad.

(d) & (e) Financial assistance is provided to States for engagement of staff on contractual basis to bridge the gap. Monetary incentives are also provided to attract doctors and other employees to work in health centres in difficult and naxalite affected areas.