GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2795 ANSWERED ON:30.03.2012 URBAN HEALTH CARE PROJECTS De Dr. Ratna

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

- (a) whether an amount of Rs. 4,495 crore meant for the urban health care projects has not been utilised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details therefor;
- (d) the funds allocated to National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) since its inception; and
- (e) the funds allocated/utilised/unspent during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a)to(e): Under Xtth Five Year Plan, Rs.4,495 crore were allocated for proposed National Urban Health Mission(NUHM). Although proposal on NUHM was approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in September, 2008, the programme could not be launched as the Planning Commission asked this Ministry to consider certain other aspect which influence both access and quality of Public Health Services Delivery including good practices that are followed in some countries. This required wider stakeholder consultation revisiting of framework for NUHM.

Revised framework and EFC note has been circulated to concerned ministries and comments on the same have been received from most of them. After comments are received from the Planning Commission, further action will be taken for seeking necessary approvals for the launch of NUHM.