

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

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HEALTH PACKAGE FOR CASHEW WORKERS  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any health package for the cashew workers in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes. The Government of Kerala in their Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for 2012-13 has proposed a health package for the relief and health care for the cashew workers in Kerala who were the victims of Endosulfan tragedy. The proposal includes identification of patients with specific diseases with history of endosulfan exposure, provision of comprehensive free treatment, strengthening of health service delivery system, research and development, capacity building, IEC/BCC, monitoring and evaluation and AYUSH integration.