

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to roll out Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in one district of each State in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost per family and the cost sharing between the Centre and the State;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the programme throughout the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)to (e): The Steering Committee on Health for the 12th Plan in its Report has recommended that:
"Cashless and portable Universal Health Coverage (UHC) should be piloted in one District in each State and UT during the first year of the 12th Plan, and gradually rolled out thereafter. Being directly responsible for provision of public health, and running of hospitals and dispensaries, State Governments would need to be supported by the Central Government in extending UHC to the entire population of the country by the end of the 12th Plan. Universal Health Care (UHC) should be financed by Central and State Governments on a 85:15 sharing basis. Central assistance should be made available to States through Additional Central Assistance through a scheme along the lines of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) after signing a MoU. Since NRHM already includes some beneficiary oriented components that overlap with UHC, a proportional re-allocation of NRHM outlay towards UHC should be done at the budgeting stage itself. For the States to be eligible for availing the Additional Central Assistance for UHC, each State should ensure that the share of medical and public health in its Plan and Non-Plan budget is at least maintained at the average for the last three years."