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

- (a) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure substantial increase in the funding in the areas of reproductive health and family planning to achieve the commitment made in Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any action or policy plans to achieve the commitment of increasing the budgetary allocation on health as mentioned in the draft of Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action plan thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) The Approach paper to 12th Five Year Plan envisages increase in total health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by the end of 12th Plan. A step up of health outlay to 2.5% of GDP by the end of Twelfth Plan would necessitate substantial step up in allocation of resources for health both at State level as well as at the Central level.

The enhanced outlay, would be used for up scaling existing schemes to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through several interventions such as the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY); operationalization of Sub Centres, Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres for providing basic and comprehensive obstetric and newborn care; facility based integrated management of childhood illnesses; strengthening of facilities for providing essential newborn care, provision of home based newborn care through ASHA; setting up of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres and management of severe acute malnourished children, immunization against vaccine preventable diseases; Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation to pregnant and lactating women and children and Weekly IFA supplementation for adolescent girls. The enhanced allocation will also cater to further expansion of new initiatives such as the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram which entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutes to free transport from home to institute and drop back absolutely free and no expense delivery including Caesarian Section and similar entitlements to sick neonates.