

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

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

- (a) whether the approach to the Twelfth Five Year Plan has taken into consideration gender specific issues of women morbidity due to communicable diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the affirmative action taken in this regard in the Eleventh Five year Plan in terms of increased allocation for new or existing Government schemes;
- (d) whether the approach to the Twelfth Five Year Plan is focusing on area specific issues related to this; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): The Planning Commission's document "Faster, Sustainable and More Inclusive Growth - An Approach to the Twelfth Five Year Plan" has inter-alia addressed the issues of gender sensitivity in healthcare and also communicable diseases in a holistic manner. It emphasises the need to break the vicious cycle of multiple deprivations faced by girls and women because of gender discrimination and under-nutrition.

(c): Approved outlay during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period for National AIDS Control was Rs. 6150 crores, for National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) Rs. 2251.75 crore, for Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) Rs. 1604.25 crore and for National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) Rs. 218.84 crore.

(d) & (e): Under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) subsumed under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), focussed attention is given to high endemic areas. The approach to the Twelfth Plan envisages that infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, also need focused attention and a continued commitment to prevention and control.