

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

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HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
Toppo Shri Joseph

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

- (a) whether the Government has extended special financial assistance to the North Eastern State Governments for strengthening and to improve the poor health services in respective States;
- (b) if so, the details of financial assistance being given during the last three years, North Eastern State-wise details;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Assam State Government for set up a medical college during current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Central Government provides special financial dispensation for North Eastern(NE) States for strengthening and upgradation of health services in the following ways:-
 - (i) 10% of plan allocation is earmarked under the national health schemes, including the National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) for NE States and Sikkim.
 - (ii) Under NRHM, share of funding between Centre and the NE States, Sikkim & special category States is 90:10, while this ratio is 75:25 for other States,
 - (iii) To complement and supplement the initiatives under the NRHM, the Scheme, namely, Forward Linkages to NRHM is being implemented for NE States to improve the tertiary and secondary level health infrastructure.
- (b) The details of financial assistance provided to the North East States and Sikkim for last three years by the Ministry is annexed.
- (c) & (d) The Medical Council of India had received one application for establishing new medical college at Barpeta by Government of Assam for the academic year 2012-13. Subsequently, Board of Governors(BoG), Medical Council of India(MCI), has granted permission for establishing 1 State Government medical college namely Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College, Barpeta, Assam with intake capacity of 100 MBBS students during the academic year 2012-13.