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FAMILY PLANNING

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

- (a) the details of the measures taken recently to promote family planning in the country particularly in the backward and the tribal areas;
- (b) the family planning target fixed vis-a-vis achieved during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the total amount of funds earmarked and released to open new Family Planning/ Health and Family Welfare centres in the country particularly in the backward and other tribal areas during the said period, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

- (a): i) To improve access to contraceptives by the eligible couples, the services of ASHA are being utilized to deliver contraceptives at the doorstep of households on a pilot basis in 233 districts of 17 high focus States,
- ii) To ensure delay of 2 years after marriage and spacing of 3 years between first & second child birth. ASHAs are being incentivized in 18 high focus States.
- (b): Family Planning Programme is target free programme. Performance during the last three years are annexed.
- (c): No such funds are earmarked to open new Family Planning/Health & Family Welfare centres in the country as a whole.