

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

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RAJIV AROGYASHREE SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to introduce the Rajiv Arogyashree Scheme in the country which is presently being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh alongwith the funds allocated for this purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement the said scheme in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d): No. Rajiv Arogyashree is a Health Insurance Scheme being implemented by Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide health insurance cover to BPL population of the State as per local needs. The concept of providing cashless health care facilities to BPL population has been developed by other States also in a different manner based on local health care needs and strength of health facilities both public and private. Since, under NRHM flexibility has been given to States for adopting suitable health insurance models as per their local needs, uniform adoption of Rajiv Arogyasri Health Insurance Scheme through out the country may not be desirable.