

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CASHLESS HEALTH SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had recommended introduction of a new cess for funding its plan to provide universal healthcare in the country aiming to offer cashless healthcare to all sections of the society in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision of Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): No Madam. The Planning Commission has not recommended introduction of a new cess for funding universal healthcare to offer cashless healthcare to all sections of the society. However, the 12th Five Year Plan proposes the introduction of a designated sin tax to finance a part of the health budget which can lead to reduced consumption of harmful items such as tobacco and alcohol.