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EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY RURAL PEOPLE ON HEALTH

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether out-of-pocket spending on healthcare has increased substantially in rural areas of the country despite health welfare programmes run by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether transport and education follow healthcare in the priorities of rural spending;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of expenditure incurred by rural people on the above mentioned items; and
- (d) the impact of this expenditure trend on rural poverty and the well-being of the rural poor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

- (a) Out-of-pocket spending on healthcare reported by the National Health Accounts, 2009 published by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare shows a downward trend from 72% in 2001-02 to 71% in 2004-05.
- (b)&(c) The NSSO 68th round, 2011-12 indicate Monthly per capita consumer expenditure (URP) on transport (4.80 % share) and education (3.10 % share) that follow healthcare (6.90 % share) as priorities of rural spending.
- (e) There are no official studies available on the impact healthcare expenditure on rural poverty and the well-being of the rural poor.