

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to release more funds for implementation of Arogyasree Health Care Insurance Scheme for the benefit of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for financial support for Aarogyasri Scheme, under National Rural Health Mission. In view of the nature of the Aarogyasri Scheme with prime focus on high end diseases/tertiary care, full support for this scheme under NRHM was not possible. However National Programme Coordination Committee [NPCC] approved a token support of Rs.10 Crores each in 2007-08 and 2008-09 under NRHM for this Scheme, as an innovative measure, considering that NRHM is focused on Primary Health Care.