

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REQUEST FROM A.P.
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh advising the Planning Commission for providing financial support to Rajiv Aarogyasri Community Health Scheme as an additional grant has been received; and

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

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) Aarogyasri Community Health Insurance Scheme is a health insurance scheme of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, for which the State Government has sought additional financial support as a special case. As there is no specific provision for special State Schemes, it is not possible to provide separate financial support to the Scheme.

A Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission has also been constituted to make a rapid assessment of Aarogyasri Health Insurance Scheme of Government of Andhra Pradesh; to explore the possibility of dovetailing the Aarogyasri Community Health Insurance Scheme with Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY); to explore the feasibility of funding linkage of the scheme with National Rural Health Mission; and to make suggestions for further course of action.