

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

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FORMULATION OF AAO GAON CHALEIN SCHEME
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate `Aao Gaon Chalein` Scheme for the villages in various districts of the States as has been reported in the `Dainik Jagaran` of August 4, 2004;
- (b) if so, the main objective of the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement this scheme in villages of Maharashtra also;
- (d) if so, the total expenditure to be incurred on this scheme by the Government;
- (e) whether this scheme is likely to be implemented in Bhandara district of Maharashtra; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) No, Sir. `Aao Gaon Chalain` is a nation-wide project proposed by Indian Medical Association to address and improve village health through involvement of 1600 local branches of IMA throughout the country. Under the scheme each branch of IMA is expected to adopt a village. The members will go to the village at least once in a month to promote health and strengthen referral system in the area. The project will cover vulnerable population such as infants, adolescents, elderly and handicapped and also will sensitise the medical fraternity to village health problems and serve the people at the doorstep.