

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 62
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2018**

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

62. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation is keen that India should have universal health coverage and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the earlier plan to provide health cover to 10 crore people has been stuck with the Government for a year now and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to come out with a scheme titled National Health Protection Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): In the UN General Assembly 67th session held on 12th December, 2012, one of the resolutions adopted calls for strengthening collaboration among member States, in particular through the World Health Organisation (WHO) through technical assistance and sharing of best practices as well as working with partners, to promote effective implementation of Universal Health Coverage.

(b) to (d): The Government has proposed to launch a new health protection scheme titled National Health Protection Scheme which will provide health cover to poor and economically weak families. The contours of the scheme are yet to be finalized.

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