

however, over the last five decades provided supplementary funds for control of communicable and non-communicable diseases by initiating national-level programmes. Do you think this arrangement has worked out satisfactorily or any change is required? If you envisage change, please spell out.	satisfactorily.
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73. Do the new economic policy and globalisation trends have any impact on tribal health status and health-care? The opening of tribal areas under the WTO Agreement is a case in point. The issues of general patent rights and intellectual property rights particularly for medicinal plants of high economic value is not only related to the household tribal economy but also in the form freely available medicinal plants as well as the know-how which only tribals seem to possess. What are the State Government's views and attitude on the subject? 74. What steps are needed in regard to the issues raised in the preceding question? Is there need for creating 'health funds' through cess on pharmaceutical companies who acquire profits from drugs based on herbs from the soil of tribal areas, as well as state support.	No. For the knowledge of tribals about the medicinal plants cannot be documented unless a study on the medicinal plants are under taken by some research organization. The Administration's view point on the subject can be formulated after the details of the medicinal plants used by the tribals have been made available. Not applicable in view of our reply to point No. 73.