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Rajasthan govt. accepts proposal for NGO participation in healthcare



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Giving recognition to the role of voluntary groups, the Rajasthan government has accepted a proposal for participation of philanthropists, non-government organisations and corporate sector in healthcare. They will be allowed to make monetary contributions mainly to the Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres.

The Swasthya Mandir Yojana, submitted to the State government, envisages contribution of a minimum of Rs.4 lakh to PHCs and Rs.8 lakh to CHCs, with which the healthcare services in rural areas will be improved.

The individuals and groups making contributions will be honoured at the district-level Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations. Those contributing Rs.10 lakh or more would be honoured at the State-level functions, Sita Ram Gupta, Executive Director of Lupin Foundation, who submitted the proposal to the State government, said here on Saturday.

The funds donated under the scheme will be utilised for better management of healthcare institutions, repairing of buildings, making arrangements for drinking water, sanitation, purchasing furniture and medical equipment and engaging the supporting staff, wherever needed.

Welfare committee

Since the scheme is to be implemented all over the State, a Medical Welfare Committee will be appointed for each of the selected healthcare institutions. Mr. Gupta said the committee would have Medical Officer of the hospital concerned and the Block Development Officer as its members.

All initiatives for improvement of healthcare services would be taken in accordance with the State government's policies for public welfare. Any innovative step for converting the selected hospitals into model healthcare centres will require permission of the authorities.

Mr. Gupta pointed out that the Lupin Foundation had developed Primary Health Centres in Rudawal, Paharsar, Astawan and Sinsini, Community Health Centre in Kumher and Community Health Sub-Centre in Matuki as model health care institutions with an expenditure of Rs.14.30 lakh in 2015-16. All of them are situated in Bharatpur district.

A neonatal respiratory machine donated to the Government Women's Hospital in Bharatpur has helped save the lives of over 100 premature babies in the last six months by providing them breathing support.

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Rs. 4 lakh to PHCs & Rs. 8 lakh to CHCs

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