

Manifesto For a Healthy India

1. Make Right to Health a fundamental Constitutional Right and enact a Right to Healthcare Act under which all Indian citizens can get free, easily accessible, quality healthcare services;
2. Stop privatisation of healthcare and abdication of the state's responsibility for health of citizens in the country;
3. Raise budget allocation for health to 5 percent by 2012 and to 10 percent of GDP by 2015; Allocate adequate portion of the health budget to traditional healthcare systems also;
4. Provide a minimum of 2000 balanced calories per day to all Indian citizens and take all necessary measures to ensure this;
5. In compliance with the Supreme Court directive ensure quality and universal service provision in anganbadis to all girl children, women and all those in the age group 0-6.
6. Provide pregnant and lactating women daily financial support equivalent to the daily minimum wage for a period of six months (three months before and after child birth);
7. Provide emergency interest free loans to all citizens for meeting non-health related expenditures during illness;
8. Enact a Rational Drug Policy that allows the sale of only generic drugs and also limit the patent holding rights on all drugs to a maximum of five years;
9. Cancel the licenses of all industries causing pollution and recover full damages to the affected people as also to the environment;
10. Protect the basic human rights of all citizens guaranteed in the Indian Constitution and prevent violation of these rights by both state and non-state agencies, including in times of natural or man-made disasters;

Jharkhand Specific Demands

- Start nutrition rehabilitation centres for malnourished children;
- Enact a Nursing Home Regulation Act immediately;
- Provide financial support equivalent to the prevailing daily minimum wage to those undergoing de-addiction therapy, for the entire period of the treatment.

