

(c) Enabled reach of private health insurance to rural areas

Shortcomings of RSBY

(i) High out of Pocket Expenditure (70%)

- because RSBY covers only hospitalisation charges; not primary care; out patient costs; cost of medicines which accounts for 80% of medical expenditure

(ii) Large Exclusion - still only 15% of Indian households are covered indicates large ~~to~~ section of people are yet to be covered.

(iii) not significant change in improving health profile of Indian citizens re. dealing with non-communicable diseases

(iv) Expensive tertiary care like cancer, heart diseases are not covered (which are rising with urbanisation)