

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:461

ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS

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

- (a) whether the National Programme for Control of Blindness sponsored by the Union Government has made an allocation of Rs.103.20 lakhs for the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the amount has been released to the State Government till now;
- (c) whether the State Government has already used the released amount long back;
- (d) whether the State Government has urged the Union Government for the release of balance funds; and
- (e) if so, the decision of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) An allocation of Rs. 103.20 Lakhs has been made for the State of Karnataka under National Programme for Control of Blindness during the year 2000-01. Funds are released on a quarterly basis. Till now, Rs. 79.90 lakhs have already been released to the State. The state has sent a statement of expenditure for Rs. 20.40 lakhs up to Sept. 2000. Remaining funds for the fourth quarter will be released in January 2001.