

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF TELEMEDICINE PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Principal Scientific Advisor to Union Government has called for rigorous implementation of telemedicine projects across the country to enable rural masses access to best medical facilities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have considered the expansion of the units; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) &(c) The Government of India had constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi to look into the issue of telemedicine and its application for improving the access to health care of the poor people living in remote areas. The report submitted by the committee contains details of infrastructure, technical capabilities and other facilities required for implementing telemedicine in a larger way. Some institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow in the Government sector and Apollo Hospita Group and L.V. Prasad Eye Hospital in Hyderabad have already taken steps to extend benefits of this technology to the rural and remote areas of the country.