

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:290

ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003

HEALTH FOR ALL

A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether the Union Government are planning to introduce a scheme regarding health for all at affordable cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have issued any direction to State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the financial assistance proposed to be provided to States for providing health for all at affordable cost;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the manner, in which this scheme is likely to be implemented without providing any financial package to States?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(f): The Government always strives to provide within the constraint of resources, health services for all at affordable cost. Health is a State subject. However, achieving an acceptable standard of good health amongst general population of the country continues to be the main objective of the National Health Policy-2002. For this purpose a vast network of rural health care infrastructure has been created in the country. National Health Programmes for control of major diseases like Malaria, TB, Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS are also being implemented all over the country. In addition, infrastructural facilities at CHCs district hospitals etc., are also being strengthened with external assistance in some of the States for the purpose of improving the provision of health care facilities for the people in rural areas.