

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3918
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AID FROM GLOBAL FUND
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

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

- (a) whether the Government have received funds from the Global Fund, an International Funding Agency, to combat AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Executive Director of the Global Fund visited India recently for detailed discussions in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to involve more public and private bodies in combating these diseases; and
- (f) the manner in which the Government propose to utilize the funds and monitor its proper utilization?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. No funds have been received from the Global Fund so far. However, the Global Fund has in the first round of funding (April 2002) approved a grant of US \$ 8.783 million for expansion of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) in the States of Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Uttaranchal. During the second round of funding (January 2003) the Global Fund approved a grant of US \$ 100.81 million for strengthening the intervention Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) of HIV/AIDS and towards public-private sector partnerships for provision of anti-retroviral treatment. Additionally, US \$ 29.11 million has been approved for the expansion of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme for the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Prof. Richard G.A. Feachem, Executive Director of the Global Fund, visited India from 28th February, 2003 to 9th March, 2003. During his visit, he met with the Health and Family Welfare Minister, and officers of the Government of India. He also visited the States of Maharashtra and Uttaranchal. He addressed a meeting in New Delhi of the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), the nodal agency for approving the country's application to the Global Fund.

(e) : Yes, Sir.

(f) : These grants are for extensions of existing programmes and will be utilised and monitored in like manner.