

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

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

- (a) the details of States where WHO sponsored State Health Development Project initiated in the year 1996 has been discontinued as on date;
- (b) the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the achievements made thereunder?

Answer

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

(a): The State Health System Development Project II initiated in 1996 has been assisted by the World Bank and not WHO. During the year, projects were taken up in the states of Karnataka, Punjab and West Bengal. These were to come to end in March, 2002. However, the World Bank has agreed to extend this project upto March, 2004.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): The achievements made under the project in the three states are as follows:-

(i) Karnataka: The World Bank Review Mission had reported in June, 2002 that about 84 percent of the credit had been disbursed. By June 2002, out of 204 hospitals taken up under the project, work in 178 hospitals had been completed. Besides, considerable progress has been achieved in other components of the project like increase in bed strength, procurement of equipment and drugs, disease surveillance, strengthening management and information systems, etc.

(ii) Punjab : The World Bank Review Mission had reported in November, 2002 that about 81% of the credit had been disbursed. There has been an improvement in the availability of drugs and supplies, enhancement of clinical skill of doctors and nurses and increase in the number of beds strengths. By November, 2002, out of 154 hospitals taken up under the project, 150 have been renovated/upgraded.

(iii) West Bengal : The World bank Review Mission had reported in November, 2002 that about 81% of the credit had been disbursed. By November, 2002, out of 214 hospitals taken up under the project, 199 have been renovated/upgraded. Besides, considerable progress has been achieved in other components of the project like increased availability of drugs and supplies and equipment in the completed facilities, enhancement of clinical skills of doctors, nurses and paramedics, formation of diseases surveillance units in all districts.