

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

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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has invited private sector participation to provide health care facilities to the people;
- (b) if so, whether any fund has been set up for the purpose ; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which resources have been mobilised for creating the said fund and the amount spent therefrom since the creation of this fund?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The National Health Policy, 2002 welcomes the participation of the private sector in all the areas of health activities - Primary, Secondary and Tertiary - with suitable regulatory mechanisms. Health is a State subject. Therefore, States are free to decide on privatization of their health care system. However, the private sector increasingly is participating in the delivery of health care particularly in National Programmes like TB, Blindness, HIV/AIDS, amongst others. The Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) also engages some private hospitals for providing treatment to the CGHS beneficiaries.

(b)&(c): No separate fund has been set up for this purpose.