

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

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US MEDICAL SCHOOLS FOR TEACHING HEALTH CARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to invite some reputed medical schools from the United States to India to teach health care professionals the techniques of public health and hospital management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the response received thereto from the US medical schools; and
- (d) the time by when the matter is likely to be finalised?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Keeping in view the policy of good public health professionals in the country, it is being explored as to how to strengthen the architecture of public health in India by establishing new institutes of public health of excellence of the level of IITs and IIMs and upscaling the existing institutions which provide training in public health. In this context, a 2-day National Consultation on `Institutes of Public Health in India: Moving from Concept to Reality` was held on 16th - 17th September 2004 to work out modalities to take this initiative forward. Any definite plan of action has not been finalized.