

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

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EXPANSION OF TELEMEDICINE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a pilot project to provide telemedicine system on a mobile van to take healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of the villages has been undertaken in the Thenni District of Tamil Nadu ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to provide such facilities throughout the country to help the common man;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to launch telemedicine centres in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): ISRO, along with Messrs Phillips India, Apollo Hospital (Madurai) and Dhan Foundation has established a tele-medicine system on a mobile van in the Theni District of Tamilnadu.

(c) to (f): It is planned to establish more such telemedicine mobile units in association with NGOs. With a view to promote information technology in health care, pilot projects have been initiated by Department of Information Technology in the area of Telemedicine in Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Mizoram, Orissa, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.