

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

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WB FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) whether the World Bank has postponed funding to the crucial second phase of child health programme;
- (b) if so, the other programmes for which the funding has been withheld;
- (c) the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Funding for the following project has also been withheld:-

(i) Karnataka Health Systems Development and Reform Project.

(ii) Revised National Tuberculosis Control Project-II

(c)&(d): These projects have not been submitted to the World Bank Board for approval because during the review of the World Bank funded RCH-I Project, which closed on 30.09.2004, the Department of Institutional Integrity (INT) of World Bank had found some irregularities in procurement. Thereafter the Government of India and the World Bank are in constant dialogue to agree on an action plan that will strengthen the procurement systems and ensure greater transparency.