

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

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MEASLES SURVEILLANCE AND ERADICATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a pilot project on 'Measles Surveillance and Eradication' (MSE) mooted by the WHO was to be launched in Bangalore on December 20, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds provided by the WHO for the project; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be launched?

Answer

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

(a) On the request of Government of Karnataka, a pilot project on Measles Surveillance (and outbreak investigation) was launched by Government of Karnataka supported by Government of India with assistance from the WHO on 20th December 2005 at Bangalore.

(b) The existing Polio surveillance reporting system was used for measles surveillance and outbreak investigation to identify measles outbreaks.

Rs. 3,56,000/- has been utilized by the WHO to support measles surveillance in Karnataka.

(c) The project has already been launched on December 20, 2005.