

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:371
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SETTING UP OF INSTITUTES OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposals for setting up of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and establishment of Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPH) to impart highest quality of public health education in the country have been approved by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the outline of the curricula;
- (c) the amount of investment to be made for this purpose; and
- (d) the target date of setting up of the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 371 FOR 10TH MAY, 2006

The Government proposes to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up world class Institutes of Public Health in India. PHFI is an autonomous Public Private partnership wherein the Government of India proposes to contribute upto Rs. 65 crore to the initial Rs.200 crore PHFI corpus as one-time grant. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other high net worth corporates/individuals, both from within India and abroad, are contributing to the corpus fund.

PHFI is in the process of working out the detailed modalities for setting up the institutes, including site selection. The academic design of the curriculum will be India specific and contextual and most relevant to the needs of the health care delivery system in the country.

The approval of the competent authority is being obtained for release of the Government Grant in 2006-07. The Public Health Foundation of India, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister in March, 2006, will become functional this year and the first Indian Institute of Public Health is likely to be commissioned by PHFI in 2008.