

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce the National School Health Programme for every school going child in the country as reported in the `Financial Express` dated December 9,2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the said programme in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (d) whether Sambasiva Rao Committee has examined the opinion of stakeholders and submitted their report to the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government on each of such recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Under the National Rural Health Mission Programme, 21 States have initiated the School Health Programme.
- (c) In order to allow the States flexibility in the ongoing planning, implementation and monitoring of all the initiatives for maternal and child health in a coordinated manner, the funds are allocated to the States under a flexi pool for the programme. A copy of the RCH programmes flexi-pool and NRHM flexi-pool for allocation to all the States for 2007- 2010 are attached at Annexure I & II.
- (d) & (e): The Sambasiva Rao Committee Report is under submission for consideration.