

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of health projects under implementation in the country with World Bank assistance, Statewise;
- (b) whether the World Bank's recent report on grave irregularities in Fund Management of certain Projects has come to the notice of Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) A statement showing the details of on-going World Bank assisted Projects is enclosed.
- (b) to (d): The Country Strategy for India for the period 2009-2012 published by the World Bank on November 14, 2008 mentions that the Detailed Implementation Review (DIR) of five health sector operations, conducted by the World Bank's Institutional Integrity Department in 2007, highlighted the need to address governance issues more systematically to improve the effectiveness and development impact of World Bank sponsored programmes. However, several conclusions in the report were based on presumptions. In response to the Detailed Implementation Review, the Government of India intensified the dialogue with the World Bank to look into important findings deserving attention. Based on inputs from the constituted groups and the programme heads of the ongoing projects, a Joint Plan of Action was prepared in mutual consultation with the World Bank, which has been sent to the World Bank along with the response of Government of India on the infirmities in the methodology of DIR done by the World Bank.