GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1885 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2011 SURROGATE MOTHERS Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

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

- (a) whether a large number of young unmarried girls in the country are becoming surrogate mothers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) & (b): Government is aware through electronic and print media about the increasing trend of hiring surrogate mothers in the whole country. However, specific information regarding young unmarried girls becoming surrogate mothers in the country is not available.
- (c): To address the issue of surrogacy, a draft of the legislation entitled "Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill" has been prepared.