

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

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SETTING UP OF HOSPITALS IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up exclusive hospitals for children in tribal areas across the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the funds allocated for the same; and
- (c) the expected time for completion of the projects?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is no proposal before the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to set up exclusive hospitals for children in tribal areas across the country. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs administers a special area programme viz., "Grant under Article 275 (I) of the Constitution of India" for the upliftment of tribal population. Under the programme, Grants are released to 26 States having ST population for raising the level of Administration in Scheduled Areas and for the welfare of tribal people. Funds are released to States based on proposals received from the State Governments depending on the felt needs of ST population to bridge the gap in infrastructure activities in sectors like roads, bridges, education, health and irrigation.