

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

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

(a) the names of the health projects being implemented with the assistance of the World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank and other international agencies/ countries along with the funds received therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, State/agency-wise;

(b) whether the Government has sought further assistance from foreign agencies to improve the quality of health services in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/ agency-wise; and

(d) the criteria adopted by the WHO for evaluating and assessing the health services of a country for inclusion in the annual World Health Statistics (WHS) report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (c): The Government is receiving financial assistance in the form of loans and grants from various foreign agencies / countries, including the World Bank, for funding projects to strengthen health sector in the country. The World Health Organization does not directly assist health programmes/projects of the Central/State Governments. The assistance received from various foreign agencies / countries is utilized for specific projects including Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Reproductive and Child Health-II Programme, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, HIV/AIDS Control Programmes, and the various projects meant for strengthening health systems in the States.

Details of the financial assistance received during the last three years and the current year so far, Donor Agency and Centre/State-wise, are annexed.

(d): World Health Statistics (WHS) contains WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 194 Member States, and includes summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets. It includes indicators on the basis of their relevance to global public health, availability and quality of data, and reliability & comparability of the resulting estimates. Taken together, these indicators provide a comprehensive summary of the current status of national health and health systems in selected areas.