

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

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LAUNCHING OF INITIATIVE PATH FINDER  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Britain have agreed to launch an initiative path finder in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the period for which the scheme will be in operation;
- (d) whether the IBP has chosen Andhra Pradesh for its pilot project and to explore and exploit the potential in health, environment and specialist training on education besides emphasis on cold chain technology; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be undertaken?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

- (a) Confederation of Indian Industry have informed that Andhra Pradesh is one of the States selected by Britain to launch the Pathfinder Initiative.
- (b) UK had sent a team under Mr. John Wilby, International Emergency Medical Service Consultant to offer the expertise in setting up a Centralized Ambulance Service as part of their Emergency Medical Care. Confederation of Indian Industry arranged all leading hospitals in Hyderabad to interact with the team and few hospitals are expected to develop this scheme.
- (c) No time limit has been stipulated.
- (d)&(e) Confederation of Indian Industry has further informed that as part of the initiative to reduce pollution and improve technologies an initiative has been taken in the Foundry and Castings area. CII had facilitated an interaction between Indian Foundrymen, Hyderabad chapter and various Foundry and Castings Units with technical team from UK. They have now agreed to help them in improving their technologies to not only improve quality in production but also reduce pollution. They have also agreed to facilitate a tie up with leading Foundry and Castings Institutes in UK.  
This initiative will be extended in other areas of mutual interest and expertise.