

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:723
ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000
HEALTH CARE CENTRES
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;RAGHUNATH JHA

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Government admits to HC health care is in bad way' appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated January 28, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the aid received from international bodies was provided to the North-Eastern States including Sikkim during the last three years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide better health care/services to the people in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. To improve the health care facilities, it has been envisaged to optimise the coverage and quality of health care to meet the increasing health care needs of the people. Control of communicable diseases such as Malaria, Leprosy, T.B., AIDS etc. continues to be a priority area. Steps have been taken to make effective and timely utilization of funds earmarked for various activities.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Out of the foreign aid received from international bodies, that provided to the North Eastern States including Sikkim in respect of major health programme during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

1996-97	14.72
1997-98	13.60
1998-99	20.43

In addition to above, substantial external aid has been provided to North Eastern States including Sikkim under Reproductive, Child Health and area projects.

(f) Government has been making every effort to augment the resources for the health and family welfare sectors by mobilising external assistance from various bilateral and multilateral agencies for implementing the National Programmes for AIDS, Malaria, T.B., Leprosy, Blindness and Reproductive Child Health Programme. Besides, for upgrading the rural hospitals in selected States, World Bank assistance has been availed of which would further improve delivery of health services.