

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

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

- (a) whether the Government have launched the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, recently;
- (b) if so , the main objectives thereof ; and
- (c) the target set there under for the year 2003-2004?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI. A. RAJA)

- (a) There is no scheme called the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana. However, pursuant to the announcement made by the Finance Minister in the budget speech 2003-04, a `Universal Health Insurance Scheme` was launched on countrywide basis by the Prime Minister on 14th July, 2003.
- (b) The main objective of the scheme is to provide easy access to good health services for a large majority of the less advantaged citizens and offer them health protection of some choice.
- (c) 100 lakh families are proposed to be covered by the four public sector general insurance companies under the universal Health Insurance Scheme during the year 2003-04.