

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1127  
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HEALTH SYSTEM IN BACKWARD AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme under which health system would be made efficient and effective in backward areas of various states besides providing better primary health services particularly to women, children and tribals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have received any loan from the World Bank in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) Government is already implementing schemes for making health systems efficient and effective in backward areas of various States besides provides better primary health services, specially, to women, children and tribals.
- (b) World Bank funded Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Project is operational in all the StatesEuropean Commission assisted Sector Investment Programme aiming at improvement of efficiency, cost effectiveness and sustainability of primary and referral care concerning women, children and tribals is being implemented in States of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Orissa, Mizoram and Manipur. In addition to this, two World Bank assisted IPP-VIII & IPP-IX Projects are under implementation since August, 1993 and June, 1994 respectively upto June, 2001 and December, 2001 respectively. In addition, 24 World Bank assisted RCH Sub-projects are also under implementation in selected backward districts/identified cities since October, 1997 in 17 States at a total cost of Rs. 283.88 crores.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Government of India has been sanctioned a loan of SDR 179.7 million by the World Bank in July 1997 for the RCH project. In May 2000, a loan of SDR 106.5 million was sanctioned by the World Bank for strengthening of Immunization Programme in the country.