

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

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DANIDA'S ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS

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

- (a) whether Danida is supporting National Programme for Control of Blindness in Karnataka by providing certain facilities;
- (b) if so, the facilities provided in Karnataka with Danida's assistance under the above programme so far;
- (c) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested to the Union Government for the procurement of certain equipments under the above programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, Danida Assisted National Programme for Control of Blindness is being implemented in Karnataka since 1994-95. The project includes strengthening of Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, Mobile Ophthalmic Units & upgraded PHC's, by providing Eye Care Equipments & Training of Personnel. Grant-in-aid is provided to District Blindness Control Societies to implement various activities under the programme.

(c)&(e) : Ophthalmic equipments required for various eye care facilities of Karnataka were provided as commodity assistance before 1999. During the year 1999-2000 Government of India released Rs.1.32 crores to Government of Karnataka to procure Eye Care Equipments for its facilities. The State Government is in the process of procuring these equipments.