

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

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INDIRA GANDHI REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the setting up of the North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Medical Sciences at Shillong has been inordinately delayed ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by when it was originally scheduled to be functional;
- (d) the estimated cost of and cost of escalation suffered due to delay;
- (e) the salient features of the proposed Institute; and
- (f) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to expedite completion of it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) The Government has approved the revised project in 2001 on setting up of the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences at Shillong at a cost of Rs.422.60 crore. The project provides for a Post-graduate Institute with 500 bedded referral hospital with 35 specialities/super-specialities teaching departments and a Nursing College with annual intake of 50 students. The project was originally scheduled to be completed by March, 2005. The construction activities which have been divided into packages are under progress. The project has been slightly delayed vis-À-vis the target completion date due to delay in some packages of construction activities and on procurement of equipment. However, through regular monitoring at various levels, it is being ensured that the project is completed during this year. The project is no likely to have any cost escalation as there is no anticipated inordinate delay.