

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

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

- (a) the details of the steps, taken/achievement made in the promotion of telemedicine in the country;
- (b) the details of the organisations engaged in promotion of telemedicine in the country;
- (c) whether three hospitals in Punjab have been linked with Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh through telemedicine project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of hospitals in the country linked with various hospitals through such telemedicine projects in the country; and
- (f) the details of growth expected to be achieved through such telemedicine projects planned to be implemented in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) Department of Information Technology has informed that they have taken steps for promotion of Telemedicine through supporting development of technology, initiation of pilot schemes and standardization activity in Telemedicine in the country.
- (b) As per Department of Information Technology and Department of Space, various super speciality hospitals like AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, SGPIMS, Lucknow, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Apollo Hospital, Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore, R & R Army Hospital, New Delhi, Amrita Institute, Kochi, Ramachandra Medical College Hospital, Chennai etc. and organisations like Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), IIT, Kharagpur, Webel Electronic Communication System (Kolkata) etc. and various state governments like Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tripura, West Bengal etc. are engaged in promotion of Telemedicine in the country.
- (c) & (d) As per information given by Department of Space, three remote hospitals viz., Civil Hospital, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur District, Sub Divisional Hospital, Ajnala, Amritsar District, and Govt. Mata Kaushalya Hospital, Patiala in Punjab were connected to PGIMER, Chandigarh, during April 2005.
- (e) Department of Space has informed that 113 hospitals have been connected through Telemedicine Network across the country, out of them 28 are Super Speciality Hospitals and 87 Remote/District/Medical College/Mobile Hospitals.
- (f) Department of Space has planned to extend Telemedicine facility in a phased manner to meet the demand and specific requirements of the State/Hospitals.