

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1140
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005
HEARING AND SPEECH PROGRAMME FOR KIDS
Reddy Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu

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

- (a) whether the number of people with profound hearing disability is about one million;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has any proposal to launch a `Hearing and Speech for Kids` Programme on the lines of the Sight for Kids` launched by the Government of Andhra Pradesh ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. As per the information given by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment the estimated number of persons with profound hearing disability works out to 9.74 lakhs which is about one million.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.