

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3132  
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ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH FACILITIES TO PAK  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether about 1000 hospitals have reported to have been destroyed in Pakistan in the recent earthquake that shook the Asian countries on October 8, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has extended any help to Pakistan to restore the health facilities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of Pakistan thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) (c) and (d): India has provided substantial quantities of relief material to Pakistan. So far about 1,300 tonnes of relief material has been handed over to Pakistani authorities, which includes medicines, vaccines and x-rays machines. At the international conference in Geneva on October 26 and at the international conference organised by Pakistan on November 19, 2005 in Islamabad, India announced an assistance of US \$ 25 million. In the donors` Conference held in Islamabad on November 19th, India offered to take up specific projects in sectors such as health and education, which could be financed out of the US \$ 25 million pledged by India. The Indian offer of aid has been accepted by Pakistan.