

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

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UPGRADATION OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL

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

- (a) whether there was a proposal for upgradation of Maternal and Child Health Care Hospital in Mumbai with grant-in-aid from Japan;
- (b) if so, whether that project was put on hold due to imposition of sanctions by Japan in 1998;
- (c) if so, whether after withdrawal of sanctions, Maharashtra had requested the Union Government to forward the proposal to Japan;
- (d) if so, whether the project has since been cleared by the Union Government; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay in granting clearance to the project?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : Yes Sir. A proposal titled "Improvement of Medical Services for Sir J.J. Hospital and Cama and Albles Hospital, Mumbai" was posed to Government of Japan in April, 1997 for financial assistance. The total project cost was JPY 1380 million (Approx. Rs. 59 Cr.) . At that time the Basic Design Study Mission had finalized the list of equipments to be procured under the Japanese financial assistance. However before the project could be processed further, Government of Japan imposed economic measures against India following the Pokharan -II and the project was suspended.

With the lifting of economic measures in October, 2001 the Government of Japan indicated to resume the grant in aid programme in 2003. A Basic Design Study was again conducted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in January- March, 2003 for the project. The exchange of Notes for the project, signifying its clearance was signed on 28.8.2003 for assistance of JPY 759 million under Japanese Grant Aid programme. The project has since been completed on 30.4.2005.