

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

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ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to the Indian Red Cross Society during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Indian Red Cross Society has demanded more central assistance to improve the services undertaken by them; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Details of assistance given by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the shape of grants-in-aid to the National headquarters of Indian Red Cross Society during the last two years, namely, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as under:-

2003-2004	Rs.18.00 lakhs
2004-2005	Rs.20.00 lakhs

For the current year 2005-2006 the Budget provision for Indian Red Cross Society is Rs. 20.00 Lakhs

(b) & (c) The Indian Red cross society has sought additional funds over earlier years for the year 2005- 06 to continue its activities of Medical and other aid to the sick and wounded. The Indian Red Cross Society is receiving gifts/donations from various sources. Since Indian Red Cross Society is generating its own funds the grants-in-aid of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is limited to Rs. 20.00 lakhs for the current year 2005-06