

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

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WORLD CLASS INSTITUTIONS TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a public – private initiative for establishing five world class institutes in the country and to train over 5000 public health professionals annually to improve quality of health;
- (b) if so, the details of modalities worked out for the said programme;
- (c) whether the rural people would be benefited by this programme; and
- (d) if so, the extent thereof and the total investment proposed to be allocated for the programme during the current year?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government proposes to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up of world class Institutes of Public Health in India. The exact number of Institutes has not yet been decided. The initial corpus is proposed to be introduced to set up over time in two schools. PHFI is an autonomous Public-Private partnership wherein the Government of India proposed to contribute upto Rs.65 crore to the initial Rs.200 crore PHFI corpus as one-time grant. PHFI is in the process of working out the detailed modalities for setting up the Institutes, including site selection for building the Institutes. However, the academic design of the curriculum will be completely India specific and relevant to the needs of the health care delivery system particularly in rural areas.