

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up a Public Health Foundation with a view to develop a pool of public health managers;
- (b) if so, whether this foundation would be financed through the public-private partnership model;
- (c) if so, whether the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister have already endorsed the Health Ministry's proposal to set up the foundation;
- (d) if so, whether 21 institutes for training of public health managers would be set up under the foundation and five of these would be set up in the first phase and the expected cost of each is about Rs. 100 crore;
- (e) whether one-third of the cost of the foundation would be borne by the Union Government and another one third by non governmental agencies in the health care sector; and
- (f) if so, the complete details thereof?

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. From the initial corpus two schools are proposed to be set up over time. PHFI is an autonomous Public-Private partnership wherein the Government of India proposes to contribute as one-time grant upto Rs.65 crore to the initial Rs.200 crore PHFI corpus. 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.

(e)&(f): Out of the initial Rs.200 crore PHFI corpus, it is proposed that one-third (upto Rs.65 crore) will be coming from Government of India; another one-third from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the remaining from high net worth corporates/individuals, both in India and abroad.