

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of launching of Health Smart Cards by the Confederation of Indian Industry utilizing global fund to fight AIDS;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to buy Health Smart Cards which will cover all the doctors in Government hospitals and patients;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government had received any funds from various agencies of US for AIDS awareness programme during 2005; and
- (e) if so, the details of utilisation of the funds?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A Health Smart Card has been developed by confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in consultation with National AIDS Control Organization under NGO component of Global Fund (Round 4). A Small Scale on-site feasibility study was conducted in June-August 2005 at Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), Vasant Kunj. Further, a pilot study for feasibility of implementing the smart card was initiated from March 2006 at Dr. RML Hospital and LRS Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi. The key benefit of the smart card is that it acts as a portable medical record, ensure data privacy and data confidentiality and facilitate easy storage of data and will, therefore ensure better monitoring and adherence to ARV treatment. After receiving the outcome of the feasibility study, Government will take a view on the introduction of the Smart Card under the HIV/AIDS Programme.

(d): With assistance from the USAID, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra received financial assistance during 2005-06 as under:

Tamil Nadu APAC Project Rs.15.73 crore

Maharashtra AVERT Project Rs.6.25 crore

(e): The details of utilization of funds during 2005-06 under these projects is as follows:

**APAC Project**

S.No.	Nature of Expenditure	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Administration	212.741
2	NGO grant	718.28
3	NGO support & development	565.56
4	Research	35.29
5	Monitoring & Evaluation	27.04
6	Others	14.09
	Total	1573.00

Rs.15.73 crore

**AVERT Project**

S.No. Expenditure Head Amount (Rs. in lakhs)

1 Improving Comprehensive Health Services for HRGs	141.11
2 Reduce High Risk Behaviour in Priority Populations	227.31
3 Capacity Development of CBGs/NGOs	83.26
4 Communication Support Program	20.07
5 Increased Use of Research and Epidemiologic Data	16.16
6 Program Management and Administration	123.45
7 Others	13.64
Total	625.00

Rs.6.25 crore