

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:313

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2006

ACCREDITATION MECHANISM FOR HOSPITALS

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

- (a) Whether medical outsourcing and health tourism provided an opportunity for the development of health sector in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether the Government has any plan for accreditation mechanism for hospitals and laboratories to develop standards that meets requirements of international customers; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)to(d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 313 FOR 13TH DECEMBER, 2006

(a)&(b) : Medical outsourcing and health tourism definitely provide an opportunity for the development of health sector, specially the health establishments in the private sector as inflow of money to such hospitals or other clinical establishments would help them in creating better infrastructure. Expansion of infrastructure also creates additional job opportunities in the health sector and also acts as an incentive to improve capacity and infrastructure for attracting more business.

(c)&(d) : The role of Government presently confined to overall policy decisions and development of minimum standards for health care facilities. In so far as accreditation per se is concerned, it is the policy of the Government that it should be voluntary. Different agencies are working in this area. The Accreditation standards manual for hospitals has been prepared by Task Force on Accreditation of Hospitals framed through joint efforts of Confederation of Indian Industry, Indian Health Care Federation and Academy of Hospitals Administration. The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers, a constituent Board of Quality Council of India has come up for uniform standard for the hospitals throughout the country. It has reportedly adopted its standards and accreditation process in line with worldwide accreditation practices. Other organizations like Indian Confederation for Healthcare Accreditation and ICRA are also involved in accreditation of health institutions.