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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the 6th annual health fair had been organized in Delhi recently under the joint collaboration of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and FICCI;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of people who participated in the health fair; and
- (d) the objectives behind organising the above fair and the issues highlighted?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. 6th Annual Health Fair 'Arogya' was organized by Department of AYUSH in collaboration with FICCI from 14th to 17th Oct., 2006 at National Small Industries Corporation Exhibition Centre, Okhla Industrial Estate, near Kalkaji Temple, New Delhi. This Department has been organizing Arogyas since 2001 with the objective of promoting the preventive and curative aspects of AYUSH systems among the general public and to showcase the achievements in the AYUSH sector in the field of research, drug standardization, etc. The fair also provides a forum to the AYUSH drug and equipment industries and to other stakeholders to interact with each other and with the general public. The Department of AYUSH had also organized 2 Regional Arogyas at Chennai and 1 at Hyderabad during the years 2005 and 2006. In the 6th Arogya at Delhi, about 100 stakeholders including units under the Department of AYUSH and 13 State Governments participated in the fair. About 3 lakh people visited the fair. Lectures by experts, speciality clinics and live Yoga demonstration were the main attractions of the fair