

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

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USE OF IT IN HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering effective use of IT in health care initiatives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The various IT initiatives used in health care are as below:

(i) Creation and Maintenance of Web site of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and its attached offices like Directorate General of Health Services and Subordinate Offices, Registered Institutions, Health and Family Welfare Societies and other autonomous bodies in Health Sector.

(ii) Creation of Intrahealth portal that provides personalized, role base and secure access to office information to the personnel of the Ministry.

(iii) Installation of office procedure automation software in phased manner to monitor the file/official paper movements within the Ministry.

(iv) Implementation/Installation of the Web-based software to maintain the database of beneficiaries under Central Government Health Scheme.

(v) Providing facility for video conferencing/web conferencing for monitoring National Health Programmes between the Centre, State and District Programme Coordinators.

(vi) Integrated Disease Surveillance Project for collecting the specific key disease indicators from sub center onwards in the country using web based software.

(vii) Under World Bank Assisted Project, 105 Food and Adulteration testing labs across the country are being networked through high-speed broadband connectivity.

(viii) Central Bureau of Health Intelligence is developing a web-base GIS Mapping for Government Health Facilities in the country with the objective to enable quantitative and qualitative assessment of health facilities in terms of infrastructure up to village health.

(ix) Developed system for electronic transfer of funds to the State Governments

(c) & (d): Besides above, Ministry of Health and family Welfare is considering proposals from National and International organizations of Health Sector for collaborative work on capacity building & improving delivery of health care services on nation-wide basis using modern I.T. tools & technologies.