

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

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

- (a) the States where the UNDP funded pilot project has been launched on community initiative in the health sector;
- (b) the brief outline of the said project ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to submit a proposal before UNDP to extend the project to every State;
- (d) is so , the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the response of UNDP thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assisted pilot project on `Community Initiatives for Health` was launched in 1999 - 2000 in the States of Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Delhi and Karnataka. UNDP has provided financial assistance of US \$ 2 million for the project, which has got three components, namely school health, community health care financing and multi-sectoral approach to health. The School Health Component in Kerala is rural based and looks at the issue of learning disability while in Delhi (urban based) it focuses at the issue of ill health and absenteeism. The School health project taken up in hundred schools of Delhi has been completed. Community Health care financing component in Karnataka and West Bengal focuses on pilot models for health care safety nets for the economically weaker sections of the society so as to improve access to primary health care. The multi-sectoral approach to health component in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal focuses on development of district health plans which respond to the needs identified by the communities through empowerment of communities as well as the local government units.

(c) to (e) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration to extend the project to other states.