

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

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DIABETES AS A GLOBAL THREAT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 200 kids develop diabetes everyday in the country as reported in the Times of India dated December 8, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details of patients in various age groups suffering from Diabetes;
- (c) whether the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution on 14 November, 2006 has declared Diabetes as a global threat and asked its member nations to formulate a National Policy in this regard;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has formulated any policy in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government also intends to give subsidy on insulin and drugs used for treatment of diabetes; and
- (g) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): According to WHO revised estimates there are 32 million Diabetic cases in India including kids (as in 2002). UN General assembly in its resolution on 14th November,2006 has declared diabetes as a global threat and asked member nations to formulate National Policy in this regard. It is proposed to launch a National Programme for Prevention & Control of Diabetes, CVD & Stoke during the Xlth Five Year Plan with the focus on increasing public awareness thereby preventing the common risk factors associated with these diseases.