

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1197  
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2007  
SETTING UP OF INSTITUTES OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
Jagannath Dr. M.

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Institutes of Public Health in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the places identified for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up such an institute at Hyderabad, in view of the vast public health infrastructure available in the city;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (e) the time by which such institutes are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The Government has decided to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up of world class Institute of Public Health in India. PHFI is an autonomous Public-Private partnership wherein the Government of India proposes to contribute as one-time grant upto Rs.65 crore to the initial Rs.200 crore PHFI corpus, whereas another one-third will come from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the remaining from high net worth corporates/individuals, both in India and abroad. The exact location where the schools are to be set up would be decided by PHFI.
- (c) & (d) As reported by PHFI, the foundation has been pursuing with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up an Institute of Public Health at Hyderabad.
- (e) According to the PHFI, the first Institute of Public Health is likely to be commissioned by PHFI in July, 2008.