

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CO RELATION OF POVERTY WITH DISEASES

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

- (a) whether according to World Health Organisation poverty is one of the major factor behind the occurances of diseases;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the WHO has made any suggestions to check the deaths occurring due to poverty; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) The WHO considers poverty as one of the contributory factors behind diseases such as TB, filariasis, leprosy etc. and it has been collaborating with the Government of India in developing appropriate technical strategies and interventions to counteract them.