

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

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OUTSOURCING OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES
Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva

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

- (a) the nature and prospects of outsourcing business in healthcare services in the country ;
- (b) the forex earning by the healthcare outsourcing business each of the last three years ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage healthcare outsourcing business and create adequate training facilities to provide skilled manpower to handle services and business coming in clinical and technological aspects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d)Sourcing of healthcare services by other countries from India takes place in the form of medical transcribing, diagnostics and clinical services.The cost of treatments is also much lower in India compared to most other countries.Besides there is no waiting list. However, outsourcing in Government hospitals and institutions is not permitted.The information about earning by the healthcare outsourcing business is not available.

Government has already permitted medical education and training of skilled manpower through involvement of the private sector, which is intended to enhance the availability of such personnel.