

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2203
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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE POOR
Thomas Shri P.C.

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

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for assistance to the "Society for Medical Assistance for the Poor";
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the details of the financial help given from this fund so far during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes. The Government of Kerala had requested for matching grant to the tune of 27.5 lakhs as medical assistance to the poor for the year 2006-07 from the Government of India which has been sanctioned. Subsequently, Government of Kerala had allotted the amount to Society for Medical Assistance to the Poor (SMAP).

(c) The details of the financial help given from this fund so far during the last three years furnished below:

Year	No. of person given financial assistance	Amount given
2005	300	Rs. 3,00,000/-
2006	515	Rs. 86,96,700/-
2007	645	Rs. 10,05,400/-