

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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HEALTH INSURANCE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority proposes to set up a separate health unit as reported in The Times of India dated November 17, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the recommendations made by the Working Committee on Health Insurance; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government on such recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE. MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) proposes to set up a separate Health Insurance Department, headed by an Executive Director, to give special focus to health Insurance.

(c) & (d): The Working Group on Health Insurance set up by IRDA in November, 2004 had recommended setting up of the Data Subgroup, which in turn recommended the setting up of the following three sub-committees

1. Sub-committee to take forward the recommendations of the Data sub-group on Health Insurance data.
2. Sub-committee to look into Product Innovations in Health Insurance and specifically into the definition of Pre-existing diseases`.
3. Sub committee to look into registration of Stand-alone, Health Insurance Companies.

The three sub-committees submitted their reports to the Working Group. Further action is being taken by IRDA.