

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

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LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF AIIMS AT BHUBANESWAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foundation stone of the Branch/Regional Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS) near Bhubaneswar (Orissa) has been laid recently ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Orissa has provided land for the Institute;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay in Implementing AIIMS project particularly in Orissa?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The foundation stone for construction of AIIMS-like institution in Bhubaneswar (Orissa) was laid on the 15th July, 2003 by the then Prime Minister. The Government of Orissa has provided 100 acres of land for the purpose.

The project for establishment of AIIMS-like institutions has been cleared by the Expenditure Finance Committee and will now be placed before the competent authority for approval. Pending these clearances, start up activities like construction of boundary wall, the process of selection of Project Consultant for providing comprehensive consultancy services and selection of architectural concepts/designs for AIIMS like institutions have been taken up.