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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA

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HEALTH PACKAGE FOR AFGHANISTAN

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

(a) whether the Government have prepared any package relating to health services for Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India and the Interim Administration of Afghanistan have agreed to cooperate in the field of health including construction of polyclinics. The Specific projects for cooperation in the field of health will be finalized in consultation with the Afghan Interim Administration. As immediate humanitarian relief, the Government has provided medical relief, along with medical personnel for Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif. In addition, a team of doctors and technicians had gone to Kabul, Afghanistan on 30th December, 2001 to run a camp for fixing artificial limbs, Jaipur foot, on Afghan amputees. The team successfully completed its task and fixed 1000 artificial limbs in a period of about one-month and returned to India on 9th February, 2002.