

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 434
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

IMPACT OF GLOBAL-PANDEMIC-TREATY

434. SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government is aware of 'conflict-of-interest' in WHO, because majority of its funding comes from philanthropic-capitalists/vaccine companies and through its three instruments i.e., Pandemic Treaty, International Health Regulations Amendments and Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (HEPR) it seeks to usurp power;
- b) whether 'Global-Pandemic-Treaty' mandates elected Governments on lockdowns/vaccines-restricting individual movement once pandemic is declared, threatening countries' sovereignty, if so, details thereof;
- c) whether Government plans to accept 'binding-advise' from WHO, (inbuilt in Pandemic Treaty), and non-compliance would result in facing sanctions, if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether Government has accepted WHO as Global approval body for Medicines/Treatments?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE**

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(a) to (d): WHO gets its funding from two main sources: Member States paying their assessed contributions (countries' membership dues), and voluntary contributions from Member States and other partners. Assessed contributions (AC) are a percentage of a country's gross domestic product (the percentage is agreed by the United Nations General Assembly). Member States approve them every two years at the World Health Assembly. They cover less than 20% of the total budget.

The remainder of WHO's financing is in the form of voluntary contributions (VC), largely from Member States as well as from other United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations, philanthropic foundations, the private sector, and other sources.

WHO is the coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system and provides support to Member States on global health matters.
