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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 58* TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2022

AIIMS, MADURAI

58* DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that even after three years of laying of the foundation stone of AIIMS, Madurai, its construction work is yet to begin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for the construction and completion of the said project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for its completion within the stipulated time?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 58* FOR 09TH DECEMBER, 2022

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(a) to (d): The Foundation stone for AIIMS, Madurai, project was laid on 27.1.2019. The land for the said AIIMS was transferred by State Government to Govt. of India on 20.2.2020. Pre investment activity including the Construction of Boundary wall is nearing completion. The Expression of Interest (EoI) for hiring of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for implementation of project has been completed and the Request for proposal (RFP) has been floated on 25.10.2022.

The project implementation has taken time since the project was decided to be taken up under EBR Funding through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Accordingly, after preparation of Inception Report, Campus Master Plan, Facility Planning, Hospital Design Concept and Equipment planning, the Loan Agreement was signed between Government of Japan and Government of India on 26th March, 2021. Since the Cabinet approved project cost was Rs. 1264 crore and the revised cost was estimated at Rs. 1977.8 crore by JICA on account of inclusion of 150 bedded Infectious Disease Block and some other additions, the Ministry constituted Revised Cost Estimate Committee (RCC) to examine the matter in detail. Thereafter the Ministry submitted the proposal for financial appraisal along with report of RCC to the Department of Expenditure (DoE). After examination, the DoE appraised and approved the proposal and the same has been approved by this Ministry on 11.10.2022.

As per the loan agreement, the project implementation period would be 5 years and 8 months (from March 2021 to October 2026). In the meanwhile, MBBS classes for AIIMS, Madurai, for 50 students have been started in April, 2022 from a temporary campus in consultation with the Government of Tamil Nadu, from academic session 2021-22. Admissions for the second batch of 50 MBBS students for the academic session 2022-23 has been announced. Institute Body (IB) of AIIMS, Madurai, has been constituted. The Project Cell posts for AIIMS, Madurai, have been created and Executive Director, Deputy Director (Admin), Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineer (Civil) and Administrative officer have already joined.
