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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

LOAN FOR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

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- a) the details of the loan announced by the World Bank to support India's healthcare Infrastructure;
- b) the manner in which the Government proposes to spend this loan amount;
- c) whether the Government has obtained external funding from other sources to bolster its healthcare infrastructure; and
- d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
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(a) to (d) World Bank is extending financial assistance of USD 1 Billion, comprising of two complementary loans of USD 500 million each, namely, "Transforming India's Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP)" and "India's Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP)" for supporting Government of India's flagship scheme "Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)."

PHSPP aims to increase the resilience and preparedness of India's health system and to support activities, which include:

- Strengthening existing health units at Points of Entries (PoEs) & establish new health units at PoEs;
- Setting up of Biosafety Level-3 (BSL-3) labs, Regional Research Platforms and zonal institutes for National Institutes of Virology;
- Establishment of Health Emergency Operation Centre and Container Based Mobile Hospitals;

- Strengthening of laboratory network under National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC);
- Setting up of NCDC branches in states;
- Setting up of 5 Regional NCDC Centers;
- Expansion of Integrated Health Information Portal for real time reporting of public health events; and
- Establishment of metropolitan health surveillance units and strengthening of surveillance system.

EHSDP aims to support comprehensive primary health care service delivery in some prioritized States and supports activities, which include:

- Strengthening service delivery through a redesigned comprehensive primary health care model i.e. Ayushman Arogya Mandir [erstwhile Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)] for improved household access to primary healthcare facilities;
- Improving comprehensive quality of care by supporting the quality assurance standards certification across Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs); and
- Strengthening the health workforce and Block level public health units (BPHUs).

External funding from other sources to bolster healthcare infrastructure are as follows:

- i. Asian Development Bank (ADB) is providing the support of USD 300 Million for Strengthening Comprehensive Primary Health Care in Urban Areas under PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).
- ii. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has provided the support of 50 Billion Japanese Yen for Covid-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan under PM-ABHIM.
