

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1045
TO BE ANSWERED ON July 22, 2022**

“FUNDS TO FIGHT INFECTIOUS DISEASES”

1045. SHRI BHOLANATH(B.P. SAROJ):

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

- (a) whether the Global Fund created to fight infectious diseases is facing scarcity of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to replenish the said fund by making contributions?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(Dr. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), is a Geneva-based multi-lateral funding organization aimed at eliminating and controlling AIDS, TB and Malaria globally. It raises and invests nearly United State Dollars (USD) 4 billion a year from countries, the private sector, philanthropists etc to support HIV, TB and Malaria programs in countries focused on communities most in need. India is a donor as well as a recipient of Global Fund grants. India's cumulative contribution to the Global Fund since 2006 has been USD 68.5 million.

Global Fund grants are released in grant cycles of three years. The present grant cycle is from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2024, the previous one was from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021. India has been allocated USD 500 million each during both the grant cycles, therefore there is no decline in the size of the Global Fund grants to India since 2018.

Out of India's total fund envelope of USD 500 million, USD 147 million, (approximately 29%) is directly provided to Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-Based Organizations, etc. by the Global Fund to implement projects for specific activities within the overall framework of the National Disease Control Programmes. The remaining amount i.e., USD 353 million is for the National Disease Control Programmes of the Government of India.

The Global Fund grant forms part of the respective programme budget as an externally aided component received by Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance at the time of its approval and is not over and above the total programme budget. When compared to the overall budget of the Department of Health & Family Welfare for the same period, the Global Fund support amounts to around 1% of the total budgetary allocation.