Financial assistance for strengthening of medical
facilities in Karnataka

3670. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for financial assistance have been received from the State Government of Karnataka in respect of strengthening of Regional Institute of Para medical sciences, upgradation of Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, revised Oncology Scheme for medical colleges and Multi Super-Speciality Hospitals, VIMS, Bellary;

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of these proposals; and

(c) by when Government's approval to these proposals could be expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) to (c) No proposal from State Government of Karnataka has been received in respect of strengthening of Regional Institute of Para medical sciences, upgradation of department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, revised Oncology Scheme for Medical colleges. However, a proposal for upgradation of Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Bellary has been received from Government of Karnataka. It is proposed to upgrade VIMS, Bellary in the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Planning Commission has accorded 'in principle' approval to the proposal for upgradation of VIMS, Bellary. Approval to the proposal is expected to be obtained in the beginning of 2012.

A proposal from Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Bangalore for seeking financial assistance under Tertiary Cancer Centre Scheme of "National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-Vascular Disease and Stroke(NPCDCS)" has been received from Karnataka State Govt. However, the proposal could not be processed further as the Utilization Certificate (UC) for earlier grant-in-aid released to the Institute has not been settled.

Improving quality of medical education

3671. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: