

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK
REGARDING CONTROL AND PREVENTION
OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
AND BLINDNESS
New Delhi, 15 January 1978**

The Government of INDIA

AND

The Government of DENMARK,

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries and their peoples, recognizing their mutual interest in promoting their economic, technical, and social development, particularly by providing facilities for improving the conditions of life among the rural population of India, and in implementation of the Agreement² of 16 February 1970 between the Government of India and the Government of Denmark concerning technical co-operation,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article I

The two Governments will co-operate in the implementation of the Indian National Programme for Control and Prevention of Visual Impairment and Blindness (hereinafter called "the Programme").

Article II

The objectives of the Programme shall be to reduce and prevent incidents of visual impairment and blindness through strengthening of ophthalmic services in the following ways :

- (a) establishment of mobile ophthalmic services in rural areas (Rural Mobile Clinics);
- (b) establishment and strengthening of the permanent infrastructure

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for community-oriented eye health care at the peripheral level (Primary Health Centres), at the intermediary level (Taluka and District Hospitals and certain Medical Colleges) and at the central level (State and Regional) Ophthalmic Institutes and the National Institute of Ophthalmology); and

- (c) dissemination of knowledge among the population regarding the common causes of eye diseases in order to prevent such diseases.

The assistance of the Government of Denmark shall be limited to that part of the Programme which relates to the Rural Mobile Clinics, Primary Health Centres, and Taluka and District Hospitals.

Article III

In implementing the Programme, the Government of India and the Government of Denmark shall co-operate as follows :

- (a) The Government of India shall be responsible for the management and operation of the Programme and the maintenance of the equipment supplied by the Government of Denmark under this Agreement;
- (b) The overall management of the Programme shall be under the general supervision of a Central Co-ordination Committee of not more than twenty members. The Government of Denmark shall nominate one member on the Committee, the Chairman of which shall be Additional Secretary, Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Central Co-ordination Committee shall meet quarterly during the period of implementation;
- (c) The Programme shall be implemented in accordance with annual plans. The plans of implementation for the Indian financial years 1977/78 and 1978/79 are contained in *Annex I*;
- (d) A joint Indo-Danish evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out in January 1979, cfr. Article VIII. The evaluation report and its recommendations shall be reviewed by the Central Co-ordination Committee and approved by both Governments before Danish funds for the Programme Period 1979/80 - 1984/85 can be made available;
- (e) The Central Co-ordination Committee shall report annually to both Governments on the progress of implementation of the Programme;
- (f) The Central Co-ordination Committee shall submit annually to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and to the Government of Denmark audited accounts in respect

of the activities financed and/or supported by the Government of Denmark. The Government of Denmark shall receive the accounts not later than six months after the expiry of the financial year under review. The Government of Denmark may request separate itemized accounts for individual activities relating to the commitments of the Government of Denmark of Article IV.

Article IV

The commitments of the Government of Denmark under this Agreement shall be :

- (a) to supply equipment for :
 - (i) 80 mobile clinics (vehicles, ophthalmic equipment, health education equipment, etc.),
 - (ii) 5000 Primary Health Centres (diagnostic and therapeutic equipment)
 - (iii) 400 Taluka and District Hospitals (diagnostic and therapeutic equipment),
- (b) to cover part of the recurrent costs of operation of the Mobile Clinics; and
- (c) to cover the costs of Danish participation in the evaluations, cfr. Article VIII.

The total cost of the aforementioned commitments shall not exceed D.Kr. 60 million. The budget for the assistance to be provided by Denmark is set out in *Annex. II*.

Article V

The commitments of the Government of India under this Agreement shall be :

- (a) to provide the facilities of the Primary Health Centres, Taluka and District Hospitals, Medical Colleges, and Ophthalmic Institutes selected for the implementation of the Programme;
- (b) to make sufficient and adequately trained staff available for the implementation of the Programme;
- (c) to cover all expenses required for the establishment and operation of the Programme other than those referred to above or falling within the commitments of the Government of Denmark;
- (d) to give representatives of the Government of Denmark access, at any time during the currency of this Agreement, to all institutions

and projects for which equipment has been provided or whose operations are financed wholly or partially by the Government of Denmark.

Article VI

The following provisions shall govern the purchase, import and distribution of equipment for the Programme :

- (a) the Government of India shall appoint a Purchasing Committee to be entrusted with the overall responsibility for the purchase and distribution of equipment for the Programme. The Government of Denmark shall nominate one member on this Committee;
- (b) equipment and supplies to be procured outside India and financed out of the Danish grant shall be purchased by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) in accordance with specifications approved by the Purchasing Committee;
- (c) all imported equipment and supplies shall be delivered c.i.f. Bombay. The expenses incident to distribution, transportation and insurance in India of imported equipment shall be defrayed by the Government of India;
- (d) taxes, fiscal charges, import duties and demurrage charges, if any, levied on equipment and supplies imported for the Programme by the Government of Denmark in pursuance of Article IV of this Agreement shall not be payable by the Government of Denmark;
- (e) equipment and supplies to be procured in India out of the Danish grant in pursuance of Article IV of this Agreement shall be purchased by DANIDA through the Purchasing Committee referred to in (a) above where export prices are obtainable. Otherwise such purchases shall be made by the Government of India and financed by the Government of Denmark either on the basis of reimbursement or by presentation to the DANIDA Mission, New Delhi, of the bill and the receipt of delivery.

Article VII

Equipment provided by the Government of Denmark in pursuance of Article IV of this Agreement and imported into India shall become the property of the Government of India upon its arrival in Indian territory. Equipment purchased in India out of the Danish grant shall become the property of the Government of India at the time of purchase.

The Government of India shall ensure that the equipment donated

by the Government of Denmark continues to be used for its original purpose after the expiry of this Agreement.

Article VIII

The Programme shall be evaluated twice during the currency of this Agreement.

The first evaluation shall take place in January 1979, cfr. Article III(d).

The second evaluation shall take place immediately prior to the expiry of the Agreement.

Article IX

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and remain in force until 31 December 1985. It may be terminated at any time by either Party giving six months' notice in advance to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate in the English language at New Delhi this Fifteenth day of January, 1978.

For the Government of India

For the Government of Denmark

Sd/-

RAJ NARAIN
Minister of Health
and Family Welfare

Sd/-

LISE OSTERGAARD
Minister of State in the Royal
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

ANNEX I

STATE-ANDHRA PRADESH

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location		Kurnool
2. District Hospital	(i) Anantpur (ii) Kurnool (iii) Guddapah (iv) Chitoor (v) Nellore	

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3. Primary Health Centres	20	20
4. Medical College	Kurnool	
5. Regional Institute	Hyderabad -	-

STATE-ASSAM

SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED 1977/78 1978/79

1. Mobile Unit Location	Gauhati	Silchar
2. District Hospital	(i) Goalpara	
	(ii) Darrang	
	(iii) Nowgong	-
	(iv) N.C.Hills	
	(v) Mikir Hills	
3. Primary Health Centres	40	20
4. Medical College	Gauhati	
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - ARUNACHAL PRADESH

SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED 1977/78 1978/79

1. Mobile Unit Location		Kameng
2. District Hospitals	(i) Kameng	
	(ii) Subansiri	
	(iii) Siang	—
	(iv) Lohit	
	(v) Tirat	
3. Primary Health Centres	20	20
4. Medical College	—	—
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE-BIHAR

SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED 1977/78 1978/79

1. Mobile Unit Location	Darbhanga	Gaya
2. District Hospitals	(i) Madhubani	(i) Nalanda
	(ii) Samastipur	(ii) Nawada
	(iii) Muzaffarpur	(iii) Gaya
	(iv) Sitamani	(iv) Bhojpur
	(v) Motihari	(v) Rohtas

3. Primary Health Centres	49	25
4. Medical College	Darbhanga	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE/U.T.—DELHI

SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED 1977/78 1978/79

1. Mobile Unit Location	Delhi	-
2. District Hospitals	-	-
3. Primary Health Centres	5	-
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	-	-
6. National Institute	1	-

STATE—GUJARAT

SERVICES DEVELOPED 1977/78 1978/79

1. Mobile Unit Location	Surat	—
2. District Hospitals	(i) Surat	
	(ii) Bulsar	
	(iii) Broach	-
	(iv) Vadodara	
	(v) Panchmahal	
3. Primary Health Centres	25	20
4. Medical College	-	Surat
5. Regional Institute	Ahmedabad	—

STATE—HARYANA

SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED 1977/78 1978/79

1. Mobile Unit Location	Rohtak	-
2. District Hospitals	(i) Ambala	
	(ii) Kurukshetra	
	(iii) Karnal	-
	(iv) Jind	
	(v) Sirsa	
	(vi) Hissar	
	(vii) Sonapat	

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	(viii) Bhiwani	
	(ix) Mahendargarh	
	(x) Gurgaon	
3. Primary Health Centres	45	20
4. Medical College	Rohtak	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE—HIMACHAL PRADESH

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location	Kangra	
2. District Hospitals	(i) Chamba	
	(ii) Una	
	(iii) Kangra	
	(iv) Hamirpur	
	(v) Mandi	
3. Primary Health Centres	20	20
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	-	—

STATE—JAMMU & KASHMIR

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location	Srinagar	
2. District Hospitals	(i) Baramula	
	(ii) Poonch	
	(iii) Srinagar	-
	(iv) Anantnag	
	(v) Doda	
3. Primary Health Centres	40	—
4. Medical College	Srinagar	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - KARNATAKA

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location		Gulbarga
2. District Hospitals	(i) Bidar	
	(ii) Gulbarga	

	(iii) Bijapur	-
	(iv) Raichur	
	(v) Belgaon	
	(vi) Dharwar	
	(vii) Bellary	
	(viii) Chittaldurg	
3. Primary Health Centres	24	20
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	Bangalore	-

STATE - KERALA

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location	—	Kottayam
2. District Hospitals	(i) Cannanore	
	(ii) Kozhikode	
	(iii) Palghat	-
	(iv) Trichur	
	(v) Kottayam	
3. Primary Health Centres	20	20
4. Medical College	Trivandrum	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - MAHARASHTRA

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location	Parbhani	
2. District Hospitals	(i) Amravati	
	(ii) Akola	
	(iii) Buldana	-
	(iv) Aurangabad	
	(v) Parbhani	
3. Primary Health Centres	30	20
4. Medical College	-	Aurangabad
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - MADHYA PRADESH

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>		
	1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location	Bhopal	Raipur
2. District Hospitals	(i) Raisen	Bastar
	(ii) Bidisha	Durg
	(iii) Sehore	Rajnangaon
	(iv) Hoshangabad	Bilaspur
	(v) Shajapur	Raigarh
3. Primary Health Centres	75	30
4. Medical College	Bhopal	-
5. Institute of Ophthalmology	—	—

STATE - MEGHALAYA

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>		
	1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location	-	—
2. District Hospitals	(i) Garro Hills	
	(ii) Jaintia Hills	
	(iii) Khasi Hills	-
3. Primary Health Centres	11	—
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - MANIPUR

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>		
	1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location		Imphal
2. District Hospitals	(i) Manipur Central	
	(ii) Manipur South	
	(iii) Manipur West	-
	(iv) Manipur North	
	(v) Manipur East	
3. Primary Health Centres	5	11
4. Medical College	—	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - MIZORAM

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location		
2. District Hospitals	(i) Aizwal (ii) Lungtai (iii) Chhirtuipui	-
3. Primary Health Centres	5	7
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - NAGALAND

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location		
2. District Hospitals		
3. Primary Health Centres	5	6
4. Medical College		
5. Regional Institute		

STATE - ORISSA

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location	Cuttack & Behrampur	
2. District Hospitals	(i) Puri (ii) Cuttack (iii) Balasore (iv) Koonghar (v) Mayurganj (vi) Dhenkanal (vii) Kendrapara (viii) Ganjam (ix) Koraput (x) Phulbani	
3. Primary Health Centres	40	20
4. Medical College	Cuttack	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - PUNJAB

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>		1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location	Amritsar		Patiala
2. District Hospitals	(i) Amritsar		Jullundur
	(ii) Gurdaspur		Ludhiana
	(iii) Hoshiarpur		Ropar
	(iv) Kapurthala		Patiala
	(v) Ferozepur		Sangrur
	(vi) Bhatinda		
	(vii) Faridkot		
3. Primary Health Centres	55		25
4. Medical College	-		Amritsar
5. Regional Institute	—		—

STATE - RAJASTHAN

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>		1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location	Bikaner		Ajmer
2. District Hospitals	(i) Ganganagar		Jodhpur
	(ii) Churu		Jaisalmer
	(iii) Nagaur		Pali
	(iv) Jhunjhunu		Barmer
	(v) Sikar		Beawar(Ajmer)
3. Primary Health Centres	70		20
4. Medical College	Bikaner		-
5. Regional Institute	—		—

STATE - TAMIL NADU

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>		1977/78	1978/79
1. Mobile Unit Location			Tiruchirapalli
2. District Hospitals	(i) Pudukottai		
	(ii) South Arcot		
	(iii) Kanyakumari		
	(iv) Dharmapuri		
	(v) Ramanathapuram		
3. Primary Health Centres	25		20

4. Medical College	—	Madras
5. Regional Institute	—	—

STATE - UTTAR PRADESH

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location	Varanasi	Jhansi
2. District Hospitals	(i) Mirzapur	Jhansi
	(ii) Varanasi	Lalitpur
	(iii) Ghazipur	Jalaun
	(iv) Jaunpur	Hamirpur
	(v) Balia	Banda
3. Primary Health Centres	60	25
4. Medical College	—	Jhansi
5. Regional Institute	Aligarh & Sitapur	—

STATE - WEST BENGAL

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location		Calcutta
2. District Hospitals		(i) 24-Parganas
		(ii) Howrah
		(iii) Midnapur
		(iv) Hooghly
		(v) Burdwan
		(vi) Purulia
		(vii) Bankura
		(viii) Nadia
3. Primary Health Centres		20
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	Calcutta	-

STATE - TRIPURA

<i>SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED</i>	<i>1977/78</i>	<i>1978/79</i>
1. Mobile Unit Location		West Tripura
2. District Hospitals	(i) West Tripura	North Tripura
	(ii) South Tripura	

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3. Primary Health Centres	5	5
4. Medical College	-	-
5. Regional Institute	—	—

ANNEX II

BUDGET FOR THE DANISH ASSISTANCE

(Figures in Millions of Danish Kroner)

1. Mobile Units (Vehicles, Ophthalmic and other equipment, Health education equipment) 30 clinics in the period 1977-79		
Non-recurring costs	6.3	
Operational costs	<u>3.6</u>	9.9
50 clinics in the period 1979-84		
Non-recurring costs	14.0	
Operational costs	<u>6.8</u>	20.8
2. Diagnostic and treatment equipment <u>for Primary Health Centres -</u>		
1100 clinics in the period 1977-79		2.3
3900 clinics in the period 1979-84		8.5
3. Diagnostic and treatment equipment <u>for District Hospitals -</u>		
150 hospitals in the period 1977-79		5.2
250 hospitals in the period 1979-84		8.0
4. Costs in connection with Danish participation in an Indo-Danish evaluation of the programme in 1979		<u>0.3</u>
TOTAL DANISH ASSISTANCE DURING THE PERIOD 1977-79		17.7
TOTAL DANISH ASSISTANCE DURING THE PERIOD 1979-84		<u>37.3</u>
		55.0
Budget Margin		<u>5.0</u>
TOTAL DANISH ASSISTANCE	D.Kr.	60.0 million.
