

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 988
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8.12.2023**

SCHOOL HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMME

988. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

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

- a) whether the Government is aware that under the School Health & Wellness Programme, only a few schools have been efficient in setting aside time for programmes on health and nutrition for children;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- c) the manner in which the Government plans to cover up the shortcomings and ensure effective implementation of the programme?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c) Under Ayushman Bharat, the School Health and Wellness Programme (AB-SHWP) provide activity based, health related education to school-going children in order to empower them and make them realize their full potential. It also aims to position Ayushman Arogya Mandir as a point of contact for adolescents. The service delivery framework under the Ayushman Bharat School Health & Wellness Programme are at various levels including school level which involve two teachers preferably one male and one female in every school designated as Health and Wellness Ambassadors (HWAs). These Ambassadors support students for accessing adolescent friendly health services at Ayushman Arogya Mandir or Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs) and follow up care.

Under Ayushman Bharat, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in coordination with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) has developed a comprehensive package for the Trainings of School Teachers designated as Health and Wellness Ambassadors (HWAs) titled "Training Materials: School Health and Wellness Programme".

As per AB-SHWP State report FY 2022-23; 328 Districts in 34 State/UT have trained 3,23,575 Health & Wellness Ambassadors (HWAs) and oriented 1,67,234 school Principals across India on Ayushman Bharat-School Health & Wellness Programme. State/UT wise details of coverage of School Health & Wellness Programme is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

To ensure greater coverage of Services following are done;

- Training of State Resource Persons (SRPs) and Training of District Resource Persons (DRPs) and block level trainings of Health & Wellness Ambassadors (HWAs) are conducted on routine basis.
- To ensure interdepartmental convergence for effective implementation of AB-SHWP, convergence meetings are conducted at National, State and Districts level.
- MoHFW has developed prototype communication materials and shared with States/UTs to carryout awareness generation activities.
- Considering school as an important platform, school based health promotion activities have been planned in collaboration with Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource and Development as part of the Health and Wellness component of the Ayushman Bharat Programme of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Coverage of School Health & Wellness Programme as of FY 2022-23				
S. No	Name of State/UT	No. of districts implementing SHWP	Total no. of teachers (HWAs) trained	No. of Principals oriented
1	A & N Islands	2	100	104
2	Andhra Pradesh	13	21864	10932
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6	543	253
4	Assam	7	5155	2076
5	Bihar	14	24385	9,301
6	Chandigarh	1	232	103
7	Chhattisgarh	9	3636	2488
8	DD-DNH	2	490	86
9	Delhi	3	849	91
10	Goa	2	812	100
11	Gujarat	10	15169	11083
12	Haryana	22	10767	5267
13	Himachal Pradesh	8	6015	3617
14	Jammu & Kashmir	4	5984	1781
15	Jharkhand	19	20881	10441
16	Karnataka	2	3552	1781
17	Kerala	0	0	0
18	Ladakh	2	929	253
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	52	25936	13193
21	Maharashtra	16	31675	18752
22	Manipur	3	193	146
23	Meghalaya	5	3224	1283
24	Mizoram	5	1175	550
25	Nagaland	3	287	159
26	Odisha	30	43551	28897
27	Puducherry	4	332	110
28	Punjab	2	881	488
29	Rajasthan	7	9481	4617
30	Sikkim	4	760	380
31	Tamil Nadu	16	38833	17898
32	Telangana	6	2376	1188
33	Tripura	1	402	201
34	Uttar Pradesh	19	25067	14332
35	Uttarakhand	5	4311	2321
36	West Bengal	24	13728	2962
TOTAL		328	323575	167234