

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ANAEMIC DEFICIENCY AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that more than 50 percent of the primary school kids are anaemic;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to find out the percentage of anaemic students in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to check the anaemic deficiency among school kids;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

- (a) and (b) No survey has been undertaken by the Deptt. of Elementary Education & Literacy to assess incidence of anemia among primary school children.
- (c) to (e) Under Central Govt.'s Reproductive and Child Health programme, pediatric iron and folic acid tablets are supplied to States for distribution amongst hospitals, Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, and Sub-Centres etc. which in turn cater to needs of school children also.