

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ANAEMIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to start a new anaemia eradication programme among children;and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b) Programme to manage anaemia among children is being implemented as part of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme under the National Rural Health Mission.The steps been taken by the Government under this programme to check anaemia among children are:

- (i) Supplementation of all children found to be anaemic with iron supplements from the age of 6 months to 10 years.Iron Folic Acid (IFA) in the form of tablets and liquid formulation are being supplied by the Government of India in RCH Kit A and are distributed through the sub-centres and through out-reach activities at Village Health and Nutrition Days.
- (ii) Food supplements to children up to the age of 6 years under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and the provision of a hot cooked meal under the Mid Day Meal scheme.
- (iii) Health and nutrition education to improve over all dietary intakes and promote consumption of iron and folate-rich foodstuffs.