

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

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CASES OF GOITRE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people in the rural and tribal areas are suffering from goitre due to lack of iodine in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (c): As per surveys conducted by Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research and State Health Directorates, out of 324 districts surveyed in 28 States/UTs of the country, 263 districts are endemic to iodine deficiency disorders including goitre where the prevalence is more than 10%. No State/UT is free from iodine deficiency disorders. State/UT -wise prevalence details are annexed.

In order to prevent & control iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), the Government of India is implementing 100% centrally assisted National iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) in the entire country. The important components of the programme are iodine deficiency disorders survey/resurvey, supply of iodated salt in place of common salt, laboratory monitoring of iodated salt and urinary iodine excretion and health education and publicity. Under the programme, funds are being provided to States/UTs for establishment of IDD Cell, IDD monitoring laboratory, survey/resurvey and information education and communication(IEC) activities. Further, Salt Testing Kits are being supplied to all the States/UTs for the use of ASHA/Health worker for creating awareness and monitoring at the community level about consumption of iodated salt in the country.