

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

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RESEARCH TESTS ON LATHYRISM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad is conducting research/tests on Lathyrism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made so far;
- (c) the technical and financial assistance provided to the said Institute for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government has received requests for grant of additional financial assistance as the project is lacking fund; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes. National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad has initiated the preparatory phase of a study to assess the effect of various doses of khesari dal on goats.

(c) to (e): This is a collaborative project involving Department of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Department of Pharmacology, Veterinary College, Hyderabad and Department of Pathology, National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has sanctioned the funds for this animal experiment. NIN has received Rs. 9,26,582/- as first installment on 13th September, 2010 to carry out the experiment on goat. NIN has requested for an additional funds of Rs. 3.5 lakhs to conduct a pilot study on assessment of total implication of khesari Dal on human health.