

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

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

- (a) the number of deaf persons, particularly children in the rural and urban areas of the country, separately, State/UTwise;
- (b) the financial assistance provided to the States to deal with deafness during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any programme across the country to check deafness and create awareness about its treatment at initial nstage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) According to National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 58th round (2002), nearly 291 persons per lakh population were hearing impaired in India. The details are at Annexure -I.
- (b) The details of financial assistance provided to the States to deal with deafness during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT wise are at Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d) Yes. The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness(NPPCD) was launched in January, 2007 initially in 25 districts of 10 States and 1 Union Territory. The programme has been expanded to 176 districts of 15 States & 4 Union Territories in the current year (2010-11) and has a provision for covering 200 districts by March 2012, which includes the component of awareness generation and service provision including rehabilitation.