

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

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IODENE DEFICIENCY AND HYPOTHYROIDISM

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is alarming rise in the incidents of iodene deficiency and hypothyroidism, particularly among women and children in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for the early detection and treatment of the said disease;
- (d) whether his Ministry proposes to collaborate with the institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) As per available information from the Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research, State Health Directorates and Health Institutions the number of iodine deficiency diseases including goiter cases have decreased significantly.

In order to prevent and control the problem of iodine deficiency disorders the Government is implementing 100% centrally assisted programme entitled 'National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP)' in the entire country. Iodated salt in place of common salt is being supplied to all the State/UTs. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides financial assistance to all the State/UTs for establishment of an Iodine Deficiency Diseases Control Cell, an IDD monitoring laboratory, conduct of district IDD survey and health education and publicity. Information Education and Communication activities have also been intensified in all the State/UT's through the Doordarshan, AIR, Song and Drama Division and Directorate of Advertisement & Visual Publicity.

(d) to (f) The Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been involved in training, seminar/workshop, meetings etc. of NIDDCP.