

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

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DISEASES CAUSED BY IODINE DEFICIENCY  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the prevalence rate of diseases caused by iodine deficiency in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target for the elimination/control of such diseases in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount spent by the Government for the promotion of iodised salt during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a, b & c) As per Surveys conducted by the Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research, State Health Directorates and Health Institutions, out of 324 districts surveyed covering all the States/UTs, 263 districts are endemic i.e. where the prevalence of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) is more than 10%. State/UT wise IDD 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 goals of the programme during the 11th plan are to bring the prevalence of IDD to below 10% in the country by 2012 and to ensure 100% consumption of adequately iodated salt (>15ppm) at the household level.

(d) The amount spent by the Government under the programme including for the promotion of iodated salt during last three years and current year is as follows:

(Rs. crores)

2007-08	9.90
2008-09	22.67
2009-10	23.99
2010-11	21.57 (up to Nov, 10)