

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:224  
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SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of school going children are suffering from life style diseases, particularly diabetes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any school health programme and also launched diabetic screening scheme for the school children across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith their status of implementation in various States;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to launch any health insurance scheme for school children, for various ailments including HIV/AIDS, as being implemented in Karnataka; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 224 FOR 11TH MARCH,2011

(a)&(b): Data regarding children suffering from lifestyle diseases including diabetes is not maintained centrally. However, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has, in 2006, initiated a project for registry of persons with diabetes in young age group which is still continuing. Unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, obesity, genetic pre-disposition, etc. are the main factors causing life style diseases including diabetes. There are two types of diabetes, Type I and Type II; the former is more common in children.

(c) Government of India has initiated following health programmes for school going children:

- (i) School Health Scheme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) – Reproductive and Child Health (RCH)-II.
- (ii) School Eye Screening Programme under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).
- (iii) Adolescents Education Programme (AEP) under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP Phase-III).
- (iv) School Mental Health Services under the District Mental Health Program (DMHP)

The school health programmes are implemented by the State Government. At the National Level, School Health Programme guidelines were developed and disseminated to the States for implementation. Screening for diabetes in school children has not been initiated. However, in the routine check up, the suspected cases can be referred for further investigation.

(e)&(f): At present there is no proposal to launch any health insurance scheme for school children by Government of India. The Government of Karnataka has also informed that the State Government has not launched any insurance scheme for school children.