

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:238

ANSWERED ON:11.03.2011

INDIAN FOOD COMPOSITION DATABASE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any study on food nutrition to create Indian Food composition (IFC) database;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits accrued therefrom;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose alongwith the number of food items to be covered under the said study; and
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 238 FOR 11TH MARCH, 2011

(a)to(c): Yes, Madam. The government is conducting a study on the nutritive value of food consumed in India through the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Indian Council of Medical Research, Hyderabad, with the aim to establish a data base of Indian Food Composition. Food items from six regions of the country viz., North, South, East, West, Central and North Eastern India are being analysed. The data on composition of food would help in upscaling nutrition activities at the national, community and household level. This would also facilitate accurate interpretation of nutritional intervention strategies being implemented in the country. An amount of Rs. 25 crores has been approved for the same. In the first of the four phases, the study will cover 240 key foods identified to cover 90% of the Rural diet. Rest of the food items would be covered in the later phases.

(d) The study is expected to be completed by July,2016.