

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IODINE DEFICIENCY DISORDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has set any target to bring down the number of cases of IDD in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the extent to which the said target has been achieved; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to prevent and control IDD on priority basis?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): It is estimated that about 71 million persons are suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the country. State/UT wise number is annexed.
- (b) & (c): The goal is to bring down prevalence of Iodine Deficiency Disorders to below 10% in the country by 2012 and to ensure 100% consumption of adequately iodated salt(>15ppm) at the household level.
- (d): There has been significant reduction in visible goiter prevalence in all the States/UTs. As per the National Family Health Survey-III Report (2005-06) the consumption of adequately iodated salt was 51% while as per recent Coverage Evaluation Survey Report 2009, the consumption of adequately (iodine content in salt>15 ppm) iodated salt has significantly increased at community level to nearly 71%.
- (e): In order to prevent & control Iodine Deficiency disorders (IDD), the Government of India is implementing National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) in the entire country under the overall umbrella of NRHM. The main objectives of the programme are to conduct district IDD Survey/Resurvey, promotion of human consumption of iodated salt, laboratory monitoring of salt and urine, health education and publicity. Financial assistance is provided to all States/UTs for setting up Iodine Deficiency Disorders Cell and IDD Monitoring Laboratory, conducting district surveys, health education & publicity to create awareness amongst people to use only iodated salt. In addition, funds are provided to Salt Commissioner's Office for quality control of iodated salt at production level.