

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether tooth sensitivity is increasingly becoming a common oral health problem while awareness about this condition is fairly low in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of people suffering from sensitive teeth problem in the country at present; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to create more awareness among the people on oral health problems?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As of now, there is no study available in India to show the percentage of population suffering from tooth hypersensitivity or its awareness among population.

(c) Government of India has developed the following material to create awareness on oral health problem:

- (i) An educative film on Oral Health entitled "Smile Please" (Kripaya Muskuraiye in Hindi)
- (ii) Implementation strategies for the Central and State Government.
- (iii) Training Manual on Oral Health for Health Workers (in Hindi and English)
- (iv) Training Manual on Oral Health for School teachers (in Hindi and English)
- (v) Educative Posters on Oral Health (in Hindi and English)
- (vi) Educative pamphlet on oral hygiene maintenance for parents and children.

Three million children of 6000 schools across 72 cities and 16 States covered for oral health education in collaboration with Indian Dental Association. Training/Reorientation programmes were conducted for Dental Surgeons, Health Workers and School Teachers.