

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

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DE-WORMING CHILDREN DRIVE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any programme regarding mass de-worming drive in various States particularly among the children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a)&(b): Yes. The school health programme, under National Rural Health Mission, promotes biannual deworming of school going children of 6 to 18 years of age. State-wise detail of number of children provided de-worming tablets is not maintained Centrally.

(c): The effect of deworming cannot be measured independently as routine deworming is known to have a marginal additive effect on on-going programmatic interventions for reducing anaemia and malnutrition.