

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

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ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment about the number of children suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the proper care and treatment of these children;
- (d) whether the Government has launched/proposed any programme to raise awareness about the said disorder, particularly among the parents and school teachers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Government of India has not carried out any survey about the number of children suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in the country. 'Health' being a State subject, such information is not centrally maintained.
- (c): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the District Mental Health Programme in 123 Districts of the country for management of mental disorders including ADHD. The programme also includes components like life skills education and counselling in schools and colleges.
- (d) & (e) : Mass Media campaigns to generate awareness among the masses about mental illnesses including child and adolescent psychiatry are carried out under the National Mental Health Programme.