

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment to ascertain the number of people crippled by fluorosis across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government has started any programme to address the problem of fluorosis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the activities undertaken and funds allocated thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No such information is available.

(c) & (d): In order to prevent & control fluorosis problem in the country, a 100% centrally assisted new health initiative entitled "National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF)" was launched in 2008-09. The programme is being implemented in 17 States covering 91 affected districts of the country with the following objectives & strategies:

Objectives:

- (i) To collect, assess and use the baseline survey data of fluorosis of Ministry of Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation for starting the project;
- (ii) Comprehensive management of fluorosis in the selected areas;
- (iii) Capacity building for prevention, diagnosis and management of fluorosis cases.

Strategies

Training to health personnel for prevention; health promotion, early diagnosis and prompt intervention; deformity correction and rehabilitation.

Capacity building of district and medical college hospital for reconstructive surgery and rehabilitation;

Establishment of diagnostic facilities in the district hospitals;

Health education for prevention and control of fluorosis cases.

Under the programme Guidelines have been developed and circulated for (i) fluorosis surveillance at the community level, (ii) training of both medical and paramedical including laboratory personnel, (iii) comprehensive management of fluorosis cases and (iv) media plan for behavioral change, communication activities.

Training to Trainers for the implementation of National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF) & to laboratory technicians for monitoring of fluoride level in urine & serum was imparted at National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

The state wise funds released for last 3 years is as annexed. Rs. 15.00 crores has been allocated under the programme during the current financial year (2012-13).

(e) Does not arise.