

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:107

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2012

HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to have a programme to detect deficiency, disease and disability among school children in Government run institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of school children those are to be covered under the programme, Statewise;
- (c) the funds sanctioned and the modalities worked out for this purpose;
- (d) whether children from the private schools will also be covered under the programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(e):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 107 FOR 30TH NOVEMBER, 2012

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) School Health programme is implemented under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and entails screening for 3Ds – disease, deficiency and disability among children of 6- 18 years, enrolled in Government and Government aided schools. The programme also includes referral of screened children to secondary and tertiary health care facilities, whenever required. During Year 2012-13, 16 States requested for approval for dedicated teams of Health workers at block level for school health programme. For the States/UTs of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Goa, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Delhi, 2,642 teams have been approved in their Programme Implementation Plan under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for 2012-13. Coverage of 22.54 crore school children from all States/UTs is targeted in 2012-13. A state wise details of children to be covered is given in Annexure-1.

(c) For School Health Programme, 399.99 crores have been approved for the States/UTs under their Programme Implementation Plan, PIP for 2012-13. Details of State/UT wise approved allocation are at Annexure -2.

(d)&(e):No, Madam. The private schools are not covered under the School Health Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). As large number of children enrolled in Government and Government aided schools are planned for coverage twice in a year and resources are limited, the programme aims to cover Government and Government aided schools, at present.