

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

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HEALTH SCREENING OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

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

- (a) the details of guidelines/directives issued by the Government for regular health checkup/screening and also conduct of special health camps for school going children across the country;
- (b) whether the above guidelines are being complied with by all the State Governments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of health check up/screening of school going children carried out indicating the estimated number of children screened and the diseases found to be prevalent among the students during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of related proposals received and funds allocated to the State Governments for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) Ministry of Health has issued guidelines to conduct biannual health screening of school children enrolled in Government Schools for 3Ds – Disease, deficiency and disability under School Health programme in Govt. and Govt. aided schools across the country with referral of screened children to secondary and tertiary facilities, whenever required. In addition, the programme provides for information to students on nutrition, physical activities and counseling. Students in need of secondary and tertiary care are supported under NRHM or Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana or State Health insurance.

(b) & (c) School Health Programme under the aegis of National Rural Health Mission is being implemented in all States and UTs.

(d) School Health Programme is implemented by the States and disease wise data is not maintained at the Central level. Details available on number of schools and students covered /planned to be covered, are given below:

Financial Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
(covered)	(covered)	(to be covered)	(to be covered)
			in financial year)

Schools	4,93,371	11,00,098	10,09,972
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Students	7,05,90,121	14,63,71,459	22,54,27,911
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As per limited morbidity data available from some States, for 2011-12, 13.60 % of total students screened across states were diagnosed with infectious diseases. Of these, 4 % had upper respiratory tract infection, 7.37% of ear infection, 29 % dental infections, 9 % skin infections and 39.99 % were suffering from worm infestations.

(e) States request for funds under National Rural Health Mission for the School Health Programme which is projected in their annual Project Implementation Plans.

Financial allocation for the last three years and current year is given below:

Financial Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
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Financial Allocation (Rs in Lakhs) 6122.97 14,902.44 13,743.83 39,999.36

State/UT wise details of fund allocation are annexed.