

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:124

ANSWERED ON:27.11.2009

CASES OF DEAFNESS

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

- (a) the total number of deaf persons including children separately in the rural and urban areas of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the financial assistance provided to the States to deal with the problem of deafness during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any programme to check deafness and create awareness about its treatment at initial stage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any research has been conducted by the Government to find out the reasons for deafness in the country including Delhi and the adverse impact of sound pollution on human health, especially on children and pregnant women; and
- (f) if so, the details and the findings thereof and the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 124 FOR 27TH NOVEMBER,2009

(a) According to the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) 58th round (2002), nearly 291 persons per lakh population were hearing impaired in India. The details are at Annexure-I.

(b) The details are at Annexure-II.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) has been launched in January, 2007, in 25 districts of 10 States and 1 Union Territory. The programme has been expanded to 101 districts in the current year (2009-10) and has a provision for covering 200 districts by March, 2012, which includes the component of awareness generation and service provision including rehabilitation.

(e)&(f): The 58th round of NSSO conducted in 2002, has identified the major causes of hearing disability as old age (263), ear discharge (158), injuries other than burns (49), noise induced hearing loss (20), medical & surgical intervention (15), Rubella (7), burns (2), other illness (227), other reasons (82) and not known (172) per 1000 distribution of persons with hearing disability.