

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

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CASES OF ASTHMA IN CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of asthma in children are increasing in the country including Delhi due to pollution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken or being taken to control the disease;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted a survey in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a)to(d):According to the National Family Health Survey-II (NFHS) 1998-99 the estimated prevalence of asthma was 2468 per 100,000 persons with 950 cases of asthma in the age group 0-14 yrs. As per the National Family Health Survey-III (NFHS) 2005-06, the estimated prevalence of Asthma in India was 1696 per 1,00,000. There is no age specific data for children of 0-14 yrs given in the survey.

The National Family Health Surveys are conducted periodically, under the stewardship of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, on important aspects of health, health care, nutrition, fertility, mortality and family planning.

Asthma can be controlled through appropriate management to enable people to enjoy good quality of life. Short term medications are used to relieve symptoms, persistent cases require long term medications daily to control asthma. Health facilities in India are equipped to address asthma cases.