

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CELIAC DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is high prevalence of celiac disease among the children and adults in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the estimated number of children and adults suffering from celiac disease in the country;and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for the healthcare of such patients?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Celiac disease data is not monitored at the national level. Higher prevalence of this disease has not been reported by any State/UT to this Ministry.

However, a cross-sectional study conducted by AIIMS in small population of Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi & Ballabgarh covering 10488 population reflected prevalence of approx. 1% which also included persons who had no clinical symptoms.

A school-based study from Ludhiana indicated a prevalence of 1 in 300 school children.

(d) Health is a state subject. The diagnosis and management of the celiac disease is the responsibility of the State Governments.

However, the Gastro-enterology and other relevant Departments of Central Government Institutions like AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital, PGI Chandigarh, JIPMER, Puducherry provide facility for diagnosis and management of Celiac Disease.