

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1633  
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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH THERAPY COURSE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimated number of persons suffering from hearing impairment in and around Chandigarh;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce Audiology and Speech Therapy Course in Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32, Chandigarh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): According to National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 58th Round (2002), nearly 291 persons per lakh population were hearing disabled in India. State/UT-wise details, including Chandigarh are Annexed.
- (b):No. However, a program on Bachelor in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology is conducted at PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- (c) & (d) does not arise.