

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF FLUOROSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people suffering from fluorosis in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of fluorosis affected districts in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing any programme for prevention and control of fluorosis in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the activities undertaken and the funds released and utilised under the programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a & b): Based on fluoride content of the drinking water, fluoride endemicity has been reported in 230 districts of 19 States/UTs. The population at risk is about 66 million. The States and Districts affected by fluorosis are at Annex 1.

(c to e): To address the problem of Fluorosis, Government of India started the "National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis" during the 11th Five Year Plan in 2008-09 in a phased manner in 100 districts of 17 States. 95 more districts will be covered under the programme during 12th Plan period in a phased manner.

The important components of the programme are surveillance of fluorosis in the community; capacity building in the form of training and manpower support; establishment of diagnostic facilities ; management of fluorosis cases including treatment, surgery, rehabilitation ; and health education.

Year-wise and State-wise details of funds released and utilized are at Annex 2.