

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

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CASES OF DEAFNESS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of deaf persons, particularly children in the rural and urban areas of the country, separately, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to deal with deafness and create awareness about its treatment at initial stage;
- (c) the financial assistance provided to the States/UTs for the above purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government propose to launch any pilot project to impart training to healthcare professionals dealing with deafness in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): According to the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 58th Round (2002), 291 persons per lakh population were hearing disabled in India. Information relating to the State/UT-wise number of deaf persons particularly children in the rural and urban area of country is not maintained centrally. However, the number of deaf/hearing impaired persons per one lakh persons in the rural and urban areas State/UT-wise is at Annexure-I.

(b): At present National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) is implemented in 192 districts. There is an outlay of Rs.304.79 crore in the 12th Five Year Plan to expand this programme to 200 more districts. It has been planned to augment the IEC activities under NPPCD to create awareness about the treatment of deafness at the initial stage.

(c): A statement showing details of financial assistance provided to the States/UTs under NPPCD during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) No. The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) has no proposal to launch any pilot project to impart training to healthcare professionals dealing with deafness in the country. However, under the programme there is a Training Component.