

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTH RELATED DEFICIENCIES IN CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the children upto the age of 14 years are reportedly suffering from various deficiencies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating in percentage terms the various deficiencies noticed/reported in the children across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing/proposes to implement any scheme to remove/ overcome such health deficiencies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the States for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): The data on children suffering from various deficiency diseases is not collected under the RCH programme. However, the Government of India has recently initiated the Rashtriya Bal Swasthaya Karyakram (RBSK) where all the children from 0-18 years of age are screened for four Ds i.e Defects at Birth, Development Delays, Specific Diseases and Deficiencies and appropriate management is carried out at public health facilities. During the year 2014-15, 4.2 crore children were screened and out of this 3.59 lakh children were found to be suffering from various deficiency diseases. The State/UT-wise details regarding these deficiency diseases and funds allocated for this purpose are enclosed. (Annexure I & II).