

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IODINE DEFICIENCY DISORDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has set any target for reducing the IDD cases in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to address the issue along with the funds allocated and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the achievements made under these schemes during the said period, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) the further steps being taken by the Government to prevent and control IDDs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): In our country, it is estimated that more than 71 million people are suffering from goitre and other Iodine Deficiency Disorders. Estimated persons suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorder are shown at (Annexure-I).
- (b): The government has planned to bring down the prevalence of IDD to below five percent in the country by 2017 and to ensure 100% consumption of adequately iodated salt at the household level
- (c): In order to prevent & control Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) Government of India is implementing centrally assisted National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) in the country under the overall umbrella of NRHM for entire population. State/ UT wise fund allocation & utilization during the last three years and current year details are given at Annexure-II.
- (d): There has been significant reduction in goitre prevalence in all the States/UTs. As per the NFHS -III Report (2005-06) and Coverage Evaluation Survey (CES) Report 2009, the consumption of adequately iodated salt (iodine content in salt >15 ppm) is significantly increased at community level.
- (e): Government of India is providing financial assistance to all States/UTs for establishment of Iodine Deficiency Diseases Control Cell and IDD Monitoring Laboratories, conducting district IDD surveys, health education and publicity to create awareness amongst people to use only iodated salt are some of the main activities of the State IDD Cell. Funds are also being provided since 2013 for procurement of Salt Testing Kit (STK). Incentive to ASHAs are also provided for creating awareness about IDD, promoting consumption of adequately iodated salt and monitoring of iodine content of salt through salt testing kits at the community level.

In addition, funds for technical assistance are also provided to Salt Commissioner's Office for quality control of iodated salt at production level.