

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

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HEALTHCARE OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any programme for screening congenital and other diseases, deficiencies and disability among school going children in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the modalities worked out for the purpose;
- (c) the funds allocated/released and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the fresh measures proposed to be taken by the Government for healthcare of school going children in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes. Under National Health Mission, the Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) for screening of all the children from 0-18 years of age including school children for 4 Ds i.e. defects, Deficiencies, development delays including disability

Under this initiative, all new borns delivered at public health facilities and homes are screened for birth defects by health personnel and ASHA. The children in the age group of six weeks to six years including those attending Anganwadi centres and children in the age group of 6 years to 18 years enrolled in government and government aided schools are screened by dedicated Mobile Block Health Teams consisting of two AYUSH doctors (one male and one female), one ANM and one pharmacist.

The children identified with any health condition are then referred to an appropriate health facility for further management and linking with tertiary level institutions. The establishment of District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) is also one of the components of the RBSK initiative.

The state-wise/ UT-wise financial allocation and expenditure for last three years are annexed.