

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015**

TARGETED GOALS UNDER DE-WORMING PROJECT

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

- (a) what are the budgetary allocations made for the recent de-worming project undertaken by Government;
- (b) what is the estimated time-frame within which Government plans to reach the expected goal; and
- (c) whether the de-worming program will be accompanied by supplementary programs focusing on sanitation and provision of clean drinking water and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): Deworming is an approved activity under Annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) and funds are allocated to States and UTs for procurement of Albendazole tablets. Rs 49.29 crore has been allocated to the State/UTs for procurement of Albendazole tablets for FY 2015-16. However in 2015, a National mass deworming strategy has been adopted.
- (b): The expected goal is to maintain coverage of more than 75% of school children with Albendazole, till Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) ceases to become public health problem.
- (c): Yes. The de-worming program is accompanied by awareness generation activities, like Information, Education and Communication (IEC) strategies focusing on sanitation, hygiene and use of clean drinking water etc., besides administration of deworming drug, i.e. Tab Albendazole to all preschool and school age children aged 1 to 19 years.