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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED PARLIAMENT QUESTION 2329 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH 2023

OPENING OF THE HEALTH CLINIC CENTRES IN SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to open health clinic centres in different schools in the country to check Anemia and Obesity among school children, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to seek cooperation of State Governments and consider for arranging a meeting of Health Ministers of various States in this regard, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (b)

Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) is a program to improve the quality of life of children. The program involves screening of children from birth to 18 years of age for 4 Ds-Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies and Development delays, spanning 32 common health conditions, for early detection and management.

Children studying in Government and Government aided schools are screened annually by the Mobile Health Teams of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram for listed health conditions including anemia and obesity. Affected children are referred to the nearest Public Health Facility/ District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) for further management and follow up.

Under National Health Mission, States/ UTs are supported based on the proposals submitted in the Annual Program Implementation Plan for Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram.
