

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2162  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

**DEWORMING TABLETS**

**2162. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:**

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

- (a) whether a large number of school children who were administered deworming tablets complained of uneasiness and nausea in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof and the sources of procuring these deworming tablets by the States;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any preliminary investigations regarding the supply of allegedly outdated/spurious deworming tablets and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the further action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidents in the future?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a): As per available information from the States, a total of 26.04 crore children in 34 States/UTs were administered de-worming tablets during National Deworming Day this year and 158 children experienced mild nausea and vomiting. The statewise details are at **annexure**.

The deworming tablets are supplied by WHO for some states and some states procure from their budget from DCGI approved sources.

(b) & (c): Albendazole is a very safe drug, but 1-2 percent of the children may develop mild side effects in the form of nausea and vomiting. These side effects are particularly common in children having high load of worm infestation. The side effects are generally self limiting. Government of India has not received any report on use of allegedly outdated/spurious de-worming tablets. However, the States have a regular system of checking samples of drugs, including albendazole tablets after procurement, as a routine quality control measure.

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**Annexure**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of State/UT</b>	<b>No. of Adverse events</b>
1.	A&N	Nil
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
4.	Assam	Nil
5.	Bihar	11
6.	Chandigarh	Nil
7.	Chattisgarh	23
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil
9.	Daman & Diu	Nil
10.	Delhi	7
11.	Goa	Nil
12.	Gujarat	Nil
13.	Haryana	Nil
14.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil
15.	Jammu Kashmir	Not Applicable
16.	Jharkhand	Nil
17.	Karnataka	Nil
18.	Kerala	43
19.	Lakshadweep	Nil
20.	Madhya Pradesh	1
21.	Maharashtra	Nil
22.	Manipur	3
23.	Meghalaya	Nil
24.	Mizoram	Nil
25.	Nagaland	Nil
26.	Odisha	Nil
27.	Puducherry	Nil
28.	Punjab	Nil
29.	Rajasthan	Nil
30.	Sikkim	33
31.	Tamil Nadu	Nil
32.	Telangana	Nil
33.	Tripura	1
34.	Uttar Pradesh	Nil
35.	Uttarakhand	36
36.	West Bengal	Not Applicable
	<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>