

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018**

NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT TO SCHOOL GIRLS

2313. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide nutritional support, motivate out of school girls to go back to formal schooling or skill training under its non-nutrition component;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the scheme also provides nutritional support equipped with information on health, hygiene and guidance on existing public services; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (d):

- The Government is implementing scheme for adolescent girls to improve the nutritional and health status of out of school adolescents girls age 11 – 14 years, where nutrition support @ Rs. 9.5 per beneficiary per day for 300 days in a year is provided. Beside this, micronutrient supplementation is also provided to out of school girls by weekly Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation for control of iron deficiency anemia. National Deworming Days (NDD) are also conducted across the country twice a year covering out of school girls in which Albendazole tablets are administered for de-worming and further nutrition promotion.
- A total of 81.41 lakh out of School girls (6-19 yrs) were administered Albendazole during August 2017 round and 55.24 lakhs out of school adolescent girls were reported to be provided with weekly IFA supplementation in 2017-18 (as of February). Besides this, information on health and hygiene is provided to out of school girls under Rasthriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) through peer education programme.

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