

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4107  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

**THYROID DISEASE**

**4107. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether every third woman in the country is suffering from acute thyroid, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any effective measures are being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether thyroid disease increases the danger of catching cancer, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate an action plan to bring awareness in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Thyroid diseases comprise spectrum of diseases including Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

In order to prevent and control Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD), Government of India (GoI) has implemented National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) in the country for entire population. Under this programme the following activities are conducted:

- Financial assistance is provided to all States/UTs for establishment of Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Cell and IDD Monitoring Laboratory
- District IDD Surveys/ Resurveys are conducted
- Health education and publicity to create awareness about IDD and importance of consumption of adequately iodated salt is undertaken
- Monitoring of Iodine content of salt through salt testing kit at the Household/Community level.
- The quality of iodated salt is being monitored at production and distribution level under the programme.

(c) & (d): The available evidence is not enough to indicate that thyroid disease increases the risk of developing cancer.

Under National Health Mission, National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (NPCDCS) is being implemented. Health education and awareness programmes for cancer are being carried out through electronic and print media.