

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2886  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**DEWORMING PROGRAMME**

**2886. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:**

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

- (a) whether India has the highest number of children who are prone to soil transmitted helminthes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented deworming programme in 277 districts of eleven States and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India and W.H.O. has entered into an agreement to run a deworming programme in a big way and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has decided to scale up the deworming programme and cover 536 districts and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b): As per World Health Organization (WHO), 64% of less than 14 years Indian population are at the risk of Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) infection.
- (c): Under National Health Mission, National Deworming Day (NDD) was launched in February 2015 in 277 districts of 11 States/UT, including Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Tripura. 8.98 crore children of 1 to 19 years were provided deworming treatment during the campaign. Since 2016, the NDD programme has been scaled up to cover all the districts across the country.
- (d): WHO has been providing logistic support to Government of India through provision of deworming drug (Albendazole tablet) under “WHO free Drug Donation Programme”, which fulfils partial requirement of drug for implementing the NDD programme.
- (e): Based on STH prevalence data made available by National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), NDD programme is being implemented bi-annually in all the States/UTs, except Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, where it is conducted annually.

The NDD round wise coverage since 2016 are as follows:

<b>NDD round</b>	<b>Children covered (in crore)</b>
Feb 2016	25.0
Aug 2016	11.96
Feb 2017	27.8
Aug 2017	22.80
Feb 2018	26.68
Aug 2018	22.70