

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4411
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019**

DEWORMING PROGRAMME

4411. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

- (a) whether India has more than 22 crore children in the age group of 1-14 years who are at the maximum risk of worm infection due to soil transmitted helminths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has commenced Deworming Programme in 277 districts of 11 States, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India has collaborated with World Health Organization to run the Deworming Programme on a large scale, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has decided to take a national level initiative to bring improvement in the deworming programme and to cover 536 districts under this programme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) & (b): No, the state specific prevalence data for Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) is at annexure.

(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), which fulfils partial requirement of drugs 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.

During NDD, single dose of albendazole is administered to children from 1-19 years of age group through the platform of schools and anganwadi centres. NDD is being implemented through the combined efforts of Department of School Education and Literacy under Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to ensure maximum coverage.

The NDD round wise coverage since 2016 are as follows:

NDD round	Children for 1-19 years age covered (in crore)
Feb 2016	17.91
Aug 2016	11.96
Feb 2017	26.04
Aug 2017	22.80
Feb 2018	26.68
Aug 2018	22.69
Feb 2019	22.12

STH Prevalence		
S.No	States	STH Prevalence (%)
1	A&N	24
2	Andhra Pradesh	36
3	Arunachal Pradesh	61
4	Assam	50
5	Bihar	35
6	Chandigarh	32
7	Chhattisgarh	73
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	64
9	Daman & Diu	56
10	Delhi	29
11	Goa	42
12	Gujarat	31
13	Haryana	46
14	Himachal Pradesh	29
15	J&K	76
16	Jharkhand	43
17	Karnataka	49
18	Kerala	47
19	Lakshadweep	64
20	Madhya Pradesh	12
21	Maharashtra	29
22	Manipur	46
23	Meghalaya	48
24	Mizoram	51
25	Nagaland	64
26	Odisha	38
27	Puducherry	26
28	Punjab	39
29	Rajasthan	19
30	Sikkim	83
31	Tamilnadu	85
32	Telangana	59
33	Tripura	43
34	Uttar Pradesh	75
35	Uttarakhand	68
36	West Bengal	42