

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 343
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2023**

DENTAL DISEASES

343. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) proposes to conduct any study on the dental diseases among the school students across the country;
- (b) if so, the States/UTs selected across the country selected for the said study;
- (c) whether any plan is being formulated/proposed to be formulated for the treatment of dental diseases among the children belonging to different districts in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (d): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has taken action for “Multistate Implementation Research Study on Dental Caries prevention for School children” which aims to reduce the burden of dental caries in children and promote oral health.

Under the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), National Referral and Research Institute for Higher Dental Studies (NaRRIDS) has been established at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. One of the mandates of NaRRIDS is to conduct National Oral Diseases Burden Survey in children as well as adults across all States/UTs.

National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) is an initiative of the 12th Plan period launched in the year 2014-15 to strengthen the public health facilities of the country for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery.

The program has two components as under:

NHM Component: Support is provided to states to set up Dental Care Units at District Hospitals or below. Support is provided for manpower support, equipments including dental chair, consumables for dental procedures and training and IEC activities

Tertiary Component: For central level activities such as designing IEC materials like Posters, TV, Radio Spots, Training Modules and organizing national, regional nodal officers training program to enhance the program management skills, review the status of the program.
