

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2000
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

“CASES OF DIARRHEA”

**2000. SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:
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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific initiatives undertaken by the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department for campaign against diarrhea alongwith the key objectives and strategies;
- (b) the data on the impact of these initiatives in reducing diarrhea cases in the targeted regions, year-wise;
- (c) the collaboration efforts with other Government departments, NGOs and international organizations in this campaign;
- (d) the measures implemented to ensure clean water and improved sanitation facilities in rural and urban areas as part of the campaign; and
- (e) whether the Government has any future plans to expand and enhance the campaign against diarrhea in the country, if so, the details thereof mentioning inter alia expected outcomes and timelines?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c) Drinking Water is a State subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes including those under Jal Jeevan Mission lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare along with Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of School Education has initiated diarrhea campaign as 'STOP Diarrhoea Campaign' with the slogan for the year 'Diarrhoea ki Roktham, Safai aur ORS se rakhen apna dhyaan'. The campaign started from July 1st, 2024 and will culminate on

August 31st, 2024. The campaign covers the peak season for diarrhoea covering aspects of Protect, Prevent and Treat Strategy.

STOP Diarrhoea Campaign consists of a set of activities implemented in an intensified manner during campaign period for prevention and control of deaths due to dehydration from diarrhoea across all States/UTs. The activities include - intensification of advocacy & awareness generation activities for diarrhoea management utilising inter-convergence of various departments, strengthening service provision for diarrhoea case management, establishment of ORS-Zinc corners and pre-positioning of ORS & Zinc by Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) in households.

These activities are carried out in health facilities, communities, schools and Anganwadi Centres by respective functionaries in coordination to have maximum impact and coverage till the last mile. States/UTs have been encouraged to establish mechanisms for intersectoral coordination and collaboration at the State and District levels to ensure seamless implementation of diarrhoea management activities. The campaign is ongoing, no impact analysis is available.

Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP) is an important surveillance program under National Health Mission that deals with disease surveillance in the country. IDSP is implemented in all 36 States/UTs. The program is responsible for the surveillance of 33 plus epidemic prone diseases including diarrhoea.

(d) The measures taken to ensure clean water and improved sanitation facilities as part of the campaign are at Annexure.

(e) The government is committed towards a comprehensive approach for diarrhoea prevention, treatment and management.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2000 FOR 02.08.2024 REGARDING CASES OF DIARRHEA:

The measures taken to ensure clean water and improved sanitation facilities as part of the campaign

- Drive to assess the availability of clean and functional toilets at Anganwadi Centres, Schools, health care facilities and in community toilets
- Development of plan to assess water testing and ensuring availability of 24x7 water facility at Anganwadi Centres, Schools, health care facilities and in community toilets
- Special cleanliness drive - Plan and conduct special cleanliness drives to prevent open garbage dumping, clearing of garbage vulnerable points, elimination of stagnant water and drains, drain desilting, special focus on market places, food vending zones, urban slums/informal settlements etc. Plan for intensive drives under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Collection and transportation of waste- Plan for seamless collection and transportation of waste on a daily basis to waste processing plants. Special planning to be done to manage the facilities in the event of high rainfall.
- Regular cleaning of all community and public toilets - planning and conducting meticulous drives of cleaning and maintenance of public and community toilets especially in high-risk zones in urban slums and informal settlements. Focus to be given to availability of water and hand-washing facilities
- Supply of safe drinking water and maintenance of water works- Planning for uninterrupted supply of clean water in all cities, required repair and maintenance of water works, cleaning and maintenance of overhead water tanks and related infrastructure, proper functioning of STPs for water recycling etc. in convergence with AMRUT.
- Raise Awareness through IEC/BCC activities and involvement of Media (Newspaper, Social Media, TV/Radio Channels)
- Partner with local NGOs and private sector organizations to reinforce hygiene and sanitation messages