

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th DECEMBER, 2024**

NATIONAL MYOPIA AWARENESS WEEK CAMPAIGN

**4204: SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government in collaboration with States and other Organizations including NGOs recently organized a National Myopia Awareness Week campaign to observe World Children's Day and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether it is a fact that over the past two decades, the prevalence of Myopia or short sightedness, a pediatric eye condition, has increased due to lifestyle factors such as fewer outdoor activities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned/spent therefor and results achieved in this regard, State/UT –wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCBVI), the Government of India in collaboration with States and other Organizations including Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) observed World Sight Day on 10th October, 2024 with a theme 'Love your Eyes, kids'. The aim was to ensure and inspire children for understanding the importance of eye care. However, particularly National Myopia Awareness Week campaign to observe World Children's Day was not organized by NPCBVI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) to (d) No survey/study with this conclusion has been conducted under NPCBVI, MOHFW and no funds have been sanctioned/spent particularly on National Myopia Awareness Campaign Week under NPCBVI, MoHFW.
