

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.652
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2016**

DEWORMING PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the country has reportedly highest number of soil transmitted parasite infectional worms in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of children in the age group of 1-14 years who are at risk of worm infection;
- (c) the targets fixed and achieved under the National Deworming Programme during the last year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to expand the aforementioned programme across the length and breadth of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated number of children to be benefited across the country thereunder, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government is seeking help from international organizations to beef up the programme, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b): Yes. As per World Health Organization (WHO) database (2012), it is estimated that 241 million children (68%) between the ages of 1 – 14 years in India are at risk of parasitic intestinal worms.

(c): In 2015, the Government of India launched National Deworming Day in 11 States/UT with a target of 10.31 crore children between ages of 1 – 19 years, against which a total of 8.98 crore children received deworming tablet (Albendazole), during the National Deworming Day 2015 with 85 percent coverage. State/UT wise details are placed at annexure I.

(d) & (e): In 2016, the Government of India has launched National Deworming Day which has been observed on 10th February 2016 across the States/UTs, with the target of covering approximately 27 crore children. State/UT wise details are placed at annexure II.

(f): Yes. The Government of India is seeking technical assistance from WHO and an international organisation, namely, “Evidence Action, Deworm the World Initiative” for the effective implementation of National Deworming Day.

Annexure I

| Coverage for National Deworming Day (2015) | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| S. N. | State / UT | Target No. of children targeted | No. of children covered | Percent Coverage |
| 1 | Assam | 72,43,398 | 41,70,211 | 58 % |
| 2 | Bihar | 2,04,38,215 | 1,87,18,184 | 92 % |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 9,78,008 | 9,16,596 | 94 % |
| 4 | Dadra Nagar Haveli | 1,15,097 | 1,09,317 | 95 % |
| 5 | Haryana | 29,04,534 | 25,59,886 | 88 % |
| 6 | Karnataka | 85,49,700 | 74,92,685 | 88 % |
| 7 | Madhya Pradesh | 2,08,51,407 | 1,84,90,500 | 89 % |
| 8 | Maharashtra | 1,31,86,599 | 1,24,59,894 | 95 % |
| 9 | Rajasthan | 1,31,74,518 | 1,11,75,137 | 85 % |
| 10 | Tamil Nadu | 1,40,32,770 | 1,26,73,933 | 90 % |
| 11 | Tripura | 16,55,313 | 10,75,434 | 65 % |
| | Pooled Coverage | 10,31,29,559 | 8,98,41,777 | 85 % |

National Deworming Day 2016

| Name of State/UT | No. of children targeted |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 106891 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 10500000 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 529580 |
| Assam | 10028003 |
| Bihar | 43561977 |
| Chandigarh | 252786 |
| Chattisgarh | 2360937 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 118372 |
| Daman & Diu | 38690 |
| Delhi | 3594400 |
| Goa | 326378 |
| Gujarat | 5046955 |
| Haryana | 2853093 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 2314011 |
| Jammu Kashmir | 5310784 |
| Jharkhand | 12685756 |
| Karnataka | 14963173 |
| Kerala | 7602314 |
| Lakshadweep | 19000 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 15101901 |
| Maharashtra | 14947315 |
| Manipur | 1067247 |
| Meghalaya | 1166350 |
| Mizoram | 258463 |
| Nagaland | 851659 |
| Odisha | 16800000 |
| Puducherry | 437418 |
| Punjab | 9500000 |
| Rajasthan | 24968744 |
| Sikkim | 197518 |
| Tamil Nadu | 24317457 |
| Telangana | 8100000 |
| Tripura | 1084575 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 10500408 |
| Uttarakhand | 2292603 |
| West Bengal | 16032263 |
| Total | 269837021 |

