

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2123  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016**

**CHRONIC AND ACUTE HEARING LOSS**

**2123. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:**

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

- (a) the number of adult persons and children suffering from chronic and acute hearing loss in rural and urban areas of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps/proposes to take steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any pilot programme for healthcare professionals for prevention and control of deafness and medical awareness has been launched, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken thereon?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGEN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a): According to the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 58<sup>th</sup> Round (2002), 291 persons per lakh population were hearing disabled in India. The State/UT-wise number of adult persons and children suffering from chronic and acute hearing loss in the rural and urban area of country is not maintained centrally. However, the number of deaf/hearing impaired persons per one lakh persons in the rural and urban areas State/UT-wise is at **Annexure**.

(b): The Government has launched National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness(NPPCD) on pilot mode in January, 2007. The funds and approvals have been given under this programme for implementation in 336 districts under the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.304.79 crore. The components of the programme are:-

- (i) Manpower placement and training.
- (ii) Capacity building of district level hospitals by providing manpower, training and equipments and enhancement of specific services for hearing impaired persons.
- (iii) Service provision.
- (iv) Awareness generation through Information, Education & Communication(IEC)/Behavior Change Communication(BCC) activities about NPPCD.
- (v) Monitoring and supervision.

(c) & (d): No.

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Annexure

**Number of Deaf/ Hearing Impaired persons**

Number of persons with hearing disability per 100,000 persons for each  
State/Union Territory (NSSO, 2002)

SI No.	State/UT	Rural	Urban	Total
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	235	176	223
2.	Himachal Pradesh	664	240	622
3.	Punjab	238	144	208
4.	Chandigarh	92	66	69
5.	Uttarkhand	344	80	283
6.	Haryana	233	209	227
7.	Delhi	64	31	40
8.	Rajasthan	192	152	182
9.	Uttar Pradesh	264	185	248
10.	Bihar	191	173	189
11.	Sikkim	981	156	894
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	584	6	503
13.	Nagaland	190	130	171
14.	Manipur	218	190	211
15.	Mizoram	227	155	197
16.	Tripura	105	178	113
17.	Meghalaya	323	104	294
18.	Assam	166	195	168
19.	West Bengal	314	396	335
20.	Jharkhand	205	132	191
21.	Odisha	603	431	582
22.	Chhattisgarh	424	340	410
23.	Madhya Pradesh	203	178	196
24.	Gujarat	335	237	298
25.	Daman & Diu	180	152	169
26.	D & N Haveli	104	91	102
27.	Maharashtra	380	254	332
28.	Andhra Pradesh	377	222	333
29.	Karnataka	324	156	273
30.	Goa	445	198	376
31.	Lakshadweep	377	759	588
32.	Kerala	467	405	453
33.	Tamil Nadu	449	391	428
34.	Puducherry	553	907	769
35.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	457	143	372
36.	<b>All India</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>291</b>