

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2837  
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CILIAC DISEASE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the celiac disease due to wheat allergy has been detected in Orissa, West Bengal and other States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of its effects on children; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control the disease?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c) Although celiac disease is an infrequent disease, it is regularly diagnosed in children in large hospitals. The disease produces chronic diarrhoea and growth retardation in affected children. Diagnostic and treatment facilities for celiac disease have been established in large hospitals.