

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

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NATIONAL GOITRE CONTROL PROGRAMME
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

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

- (a) the States where National Goitre Control Programme is being implemented at present;
- (b) the central assistance released to those States during the last three years for implementing the programme ;
- (c) whether the State Governments have been able to control Goitre in their respective States ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; State wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI. A. RAJA)

(a): National Goitre Control Programme which has been renamed as National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme is implemented by all the States/UTs.

(b): The Central assistance released to the States/UTs during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 is to the tune of Rs.79.94 lakhs, Rs.82.48 lakhs and Rs 153.45 lakhs respectively.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. In order to control the problem of Goitre and other Iodine Deficiency Disorders, 24 States and all the 7 Union Territories have banned the sale of salt other than iodised salt in their respective States/UTs, while there is a partial ban in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. Resurveys conducted in various districts of 10 States and 2 Union Territories have shown significant reduction in the prevalence of Iodine Deficiency Disorders as a result of various control measures taken under the Programme.