

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1216  
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BLINDNESS AMONG CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is an increase of blindness among children;
- (b) if so, whether there is loss of vision in Children in the age group of 5 to 10 years; and
- (c) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) & (b) No nation-wide study has been conducted to measure prevalence of blindness among children.
- (c) Measures taken to prevent/control blindness in children include:
  1. Vitamin A Supplementation in early childhood.
  2. Detection and correction of refractive errors in school going children.
  3. Support to Eye Banks for collection of donor corneas for treatment of corneal blindness.
  4. Public awareness on general eye care including prevention of injuries.