

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study in the recent past on the exact profile of incidences of Rheumatic-Heart disease in our country;
- (b) if so, the present status of incidences of the disease;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to start any preventive programme to control the incidences of Rheumatic-heart disease; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted a study on `Community Control of RF/RHD` under Jai Vigyan Mission Mode projects in the year 2000-05. A cross sectional survey in school children conducted by PGIMER, Chandigarh in Raipur Rani block (Haryana) and by CMC, Vellore in Kanyambadi block (Tamil Nadu) showed that the prevalence of Group A streptococci (the organism responsible for Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease), was 2.14% and 11.1% in throat cultures respectively. The prevalence of RF/RHD in school children (5-14 years age) has been found vary from 0.079 per 1000 to 1.43/1000 in different parts of the country.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Health & F.W. have now initiated steps to obtain the in principle approval of the Planning Commission to initiate a National Programme on Cardio Vascular Diseases.