

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

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IODINE RELATED DEFICIENCIES DISORDERS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any survey on the iodine related deficiencies and disorder cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has a proposal to undertake universal salt iodisation campaign in those States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) surveys conducted by Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research, the state Health Directorates and Medical Institutions covering all States/UTs have revealed that out of 321 districts surveyed, 260 districts are endemic to IDD i.e. where the prevalence rate of IDD is more than 10%. The State-wise details are annexed.

(c) & (d) The Government has decided to ban the sale of non-iodised salt for direct human consumption in the entire country, under The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. In order to prevent and control the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDDs) the Government is implementing National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) formerly known as National Goitre Control Programme in the entire country. Under the programme iodated salt in place of common salt is being supplied to the various states/UTs. The Ministry of Health & FW is also providing financial assistance for establishment of an IDD Control Cell and an IDD monitoring Laboratory to States/UTs for the effective implementation of programme. Information Education and Communication campaigns have also been intensified in all the States and UTs through Prasar Bharti, All India Radio, Directorate of Field Publicity, Song & Drama Division and Directorate of Advertisement & Visual Publicity besides allocation of funds to the State Governments for Health Education at the State Level.

**Annexure Statement showing the prevalence of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the country, State-wise as per survey**

Total No. of State/UT	Districts	Districts surveyed	Districts Endemic
Andhra Pradesh	23	12	11
Arunachal Pradesh	13	11	11
Assam	23	18	14
Bihar	37	14	14
Chhatisgarh	16	2	2
Goa	2	2	2
Gujarat	25	16	8
Haryana	19	11	9
Himachal Pradesh	12	10	10
Jammu & Kashmir	14	14	14
Jharkhand	18	9	8
Karnataka	27	20	6
Kerala	14	14	12
Madhya Pradesh	45	14	14
Maharashtra	35	29	21
Manipur	9	8	8
Meghalaya	7	4	4
Mizoram	8	3	3
Nagaland	8	7	7
Orissa	30	8	7
Punjab	17	3	3
Rajasthan	32	3	3
Sikkim	4	4	4
Tamil Nadu	30	29	18
Tripura	4	3	3

Uttar Pradesh	70	28	22
Uttranchal	13	9	9
West Bengal	18	5	5
A&N Islands	2	2	2
Chandigarh	1	1	1
Daman &Diu	2	1	1
D&N Haveili	1	1	1
NCT Delhi	9	1	1
Lakshdweep	1	1	0
Pondicherry	4	4	2
Total	593	321	260

EndemicDistrict = District where rate of IDD is more than 10%