

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

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DENTAL DISEASES  
Jagannath Dr. M.

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

- (a) whether the study report released recently by the Dental Council of India shows that more than 89.6 percent of the people between the ages of 35-44 years and 67.7 per cent of 15 years old suffer from gum diseases ;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save the people from dental diseases?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): According to the study conducted by the Dental Council of India, more than 89.6 per cent of people between the age of 35-44 years and 67.7 per cent of 15 years old suffer from gum diseases. The study conducted by DCI and its report have not been submitted to the Government. The Government is running health awareness and education campaigns so as to educate the public about oral hygiene and to restraint strictly from food items such as junk food, chocolates, toffees, cold drinks etc.