

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

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INCIDENCE OF ORAL AND DENTAL DISEASES AMONG CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a large number of people particularly school going children are suffering from tooth related diseases ;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the incidence of oral and dental diseases ;
- (c) If so, whether the Government has implemented/proposes to implement Oral Health Care Programmes in various parts of the country ;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir, as per the National Oral Health Survey and Fluoride Mapping (2002-03) conducted by Dental Council of India, following % of people under different age groups suffer from various oro-dental problems :

Oral Disease Condition Age in years

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Mean no. of teeth present	19.9	27.3	27.9	30.0	18.9
Dental caries% prevalence	51.9	53.8	63.1	80.2	85.0
Periodontal disease % prev.	11.7	57.0	67.7	89.6	79.9
Malocclusion%	0.6	23.6	23.9	43.1	NA
Dental Fluorosis (%)		5.0	10.2	9.9	7.2 3.7
Oral mucosal conditions(%)	0.8	1.4	2.3	7.1	10.3

(b)to(e) The Government is running health awareness and education campaigns so as to educate the public about oral hygiene and to restraint from food items such as junk food, chocolates, toffees, cold drinks etc.