

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the number of children suffering from Diabetes is continuously increasing;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome the spread of diabetes in children?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) As per clinical impression of practicing diabetologists, there has been an increase in Type 2 diabetes, also known as Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (NIDDM) in children. This could be due to increasing prevalence of obesity and stress among children and also due to better diagnostic facilities and since diabetes is a life style related disease, it is very important to adopt preventive life style interventions for control of diabetes among children and adults in the country. These interventions are emphasized through information education and communication activities.