

(b) to (d) In CGHS Wellness Centres generally General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs), and not Specialists, are posted. However, GDMO possessing a post graduate degree in Paediatrics, is working in the CGHS Wellness Centre Laxmi Nagar to attend Paediatrics patients, if any.

Rising cases of obesity in urban youths

2622. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of obesity is increasing among not only middle-aged persons, but also among the youth in urban areas;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to formulate any policy or guidelines to tackle the increasing incidence of obesity among the urban population and, if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) National Family Health Surveys (NFHS – 1998-99 and 2005-06) has showed marginal increase in the prevalence of obesity in women from 10.6% in 1998-1999 to 12.6% in 2005-06. Studies in Delhi and Chennai have shown increase in overweight and obese among school going children and adolescents.

(b) and (c) While health is a State subject, the Central Government supplements the activities and efforts of the States towards creation of awareness, health education and health promotion.

Government of India in 2010 launched National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). The focus of the programme is on awareness generation for behaviour and life-style changes, early diagnosis of persons with high levels of risk factors and their referral to higher facilities for appropriate management.

In the National Monitoring Framework and Action Plan for prevention and control of NCDs (2013-2020), adopted by Government of India, obesity has been identified as an area of intervention.

Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres

2623. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2007, Government had set up Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) across the country to fight malnourishment among children;