

Operational Guidelines for implementing population level screening for diabetes, hypertension and common cancer viz. oral, breast and cervix have been released to State Governments. These guidelines include screening for risk factors of these diseases. The Plan is to leverage services of the Frontline workers (ASHA and Nurses/ANM) in screening of NCD risk factors as well as early detection and referral of NCDs. Initially, the programme is being implemented in 100 districts across the country during the year 2017-18. Such screening will generate awareness on risk factors of these diseases.

In order to leverage mobile technology, an application called Diabetes has been launched to generate awareness, promote adherence to treatment and inculcate healthy habits among the masses.

#### **Trauma Care Centre along NH-45**

293. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing Trauma Care Centre (TCC) located in National Highway-45 (NH-45) which passes through Villupuram District in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up another Trauma Care Centre (TCC) preferably District Headquarters Hospitals in Villupuram District; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) Under the ongoing Scheme 'Capacity Building for Developing Trauma Care Facilities in Government Hospitals on National Highways', Government, during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, has approved one L-III Trauma Care Facility in the Government District Head Quarters Hospital, Kallakurichi, which is located on NH-45 that passes through Villupuram District.

(b) No such proposal is pending.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **National Policy on Thalassemia**

294. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning for a National Policy on Thalassemia;

(b) if so, total number of patients in the country suffering from Thalassemia;