

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2021**

RISE IN NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

3124 SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) especially cardiovascular, diabetes and obesity is rising dangerously in India, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon
- (b) the steps taken by Government to create awareness among the public about the NCDs and reduce the mortality rate due to NCDs in the country
- (c) the manner in which Government is conducting the awareness programme to communicate effectively to the public about NCDs and
- (d) whether said measures have brought positive response in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): The exact number of patient suffering from NCDs including cardiovascular, Diabetes and obesity are not known. However, various studies indicate the trend of these diseases is rising.

Health is a state subject. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke(NPCDCS) is being implemented under National Health Mission(NHM) with focus on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment.

To tackle the challenge of Non Communicable Diseases, including cancer 638 NCD Clinics at District level and 4464 NCD Clinics at Community Health Centre level have been set up under the NPCDCS.

A population level initiative of prevention, control and screening for common Non Communicable Disease (NCDs) including cancer has also been rolled out under NHM, as a part of comprehensive primary healthcare. Under this initiative, frontline health workers such as Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), inter alia, are leveraged to carry out screening and generate awareness about the risk factors of NCDs including cancer among the masses. The initiative is under implementation in over 682 districts across the country. Screening for common NCDs including cancer is also an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres.

(c) & (d): Several awareness initiatives have been undertaken by the Government including observance of National Cancer Awareness Day and World Diabetes Day, organising of screening for major NCDs including blood pressure and major awareness events at occasions such as the India International Trade Fair (IITF), Delhi and use of print, electronic and social media, etc. In addition NPCDCS supports awareness generation activities to be undertaken by the States.