

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.930
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

NEGLECT OF OTHER DISEASES DUE TO PANDEMIC

930 SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that diseases other than COVID-19 do not get much attention in the country as the focus of attention is on the pandemic
- (b) whether it is also a fact that severe health issues like Cancer, Cardiac, HIV and TB diseases are neglected in health care initiatives and
- (c) if so, details of the measures being taken by Government to redress the situation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The COVID 19 outbreak has placed unprecedented demands on our health system. Since health is state subject, several advisories/guidelines have been issued to all States to ensure that the disruption to critical essential health services is minimized. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has also issued a detailed guideline on enabling delivery of essential health services during COVID-19 outbreak.

Also, Tele-consultation has been promoted during COVID-19 outbreak. e-Sanjeevani OPD app has been launched on 13-04-2020. Since its inception, 50,23,586 consultations (doctors to patients) have been executed till date.