

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1689
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd AUGUST, 2021**

**ACCESSIBLE TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC DISEASES LIKE
HYPERTENSION AND DIABETES**

1689. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether there is any action taken by Government to ensure that patients with chronic disease like hypertension and diabetes are able to access regular treatment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the efforts be accelerated and augmented in all the States?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c) Health is a state subject. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, however, provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received in Program Implementation Plans (PIPs) from the States/UTs and subject to the resource envelope. Hypertension and Diabetes is an integral part of NPCDCS. The programme focusses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation for prevention, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the given Non-Communicable Diseases including Hypertension and Diabetes.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) i.e. Diabetes, Hypertension and common Cancers viz. Oral, Breast and Cervical Cancers, has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for common NCDs. Screening of common NCDs

including hypertension and diabetes is also an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres.

“The India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)” is also being implemented with primary focus on the control of high blood pressure, a leading risk factor for CVDs among adults in India. The project has been initiated in 83 districts of 18 states across the country.

Preventive aspect of Hypertension and Diabetes is being strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centres, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Hypertension and Diabetes and for promotion of healthy lifestyle include observation of International/National Health Days and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. In addition, NPCDCS gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

The NPCDCS programme division periodically reviews the performance of the States/UTs to ensure the implementation of the programme across the States/UTs and to provide a timely guidance and support, if needed, to strengthen the program implementation. Last review meetings were held in the months of December, 2020 and January, February, March 2021 along with the National Programme Co-ordination Committee (NPCC) meetings under NHM. The performance of States/UTs is also reviewed based on the progress reports that the States/UTs are required to submit regularly to the NPCDCS Programme Division