

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th DECEMBER, 2021**

SCREENING AND TREATMENT FOR NCDS IN HWCS

1880. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether the Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) are fully operational and are able to provide screening and treatment services for major Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like Hypertension and Diabetes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any tracking mechanism available to monitor the number of people being screened and brought to HWCs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): In February 2018, the Government of India announced 1,50,000 Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to be established across India by December 2022. The Government is setting up AB-HWCs to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which is universal, free, and close to the community.

Since the launch of first AB-HWC on April 14th, 2018, a total of 80,701 AB-HWCs have been operationalized across the country. This includes SHC-HWC- 54,618, PHC-HWC- 21,898 and UPHC-4,155 (Data as on 8th December 2021).

All the operationalized AB-HWCs are required to screen all people above 30 years age in their area, for five common non-communicable diseases viz., Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, Oral Cancer, Breast cancer and Cervical Cancer. SHC-HWCs screen people for NCDs and PHC-HWCs or secondary/tertiary health centres ensure diagnosis and treatment initiation for people identified with the disease(s). AB-HWCs also enable continuum of care as patients diagnosed at secondary/tertiary health centres are referred back to the SHC-HWCs for follow up care.

(b) and (c): There is a dedicated AB-HWC portal to track and monitor the number of people being screened and brought to AB-HWCs. The portal also features to report facility wise

information on the predefined criteria. It includes details of footfalls, number of persons screened, diagnosed, and put on treatment for five common NCDs. The portal also supports states and districts by providing facility-wise and consolidated data for planning and monitoring.