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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1876 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2022

"AFTER EFFECTS POST RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 INFECTION"

1876[#] DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGARWAL:

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

- (a) the kind and severity of after effects on different parts of the body post recovery from COVID-19 infection, in different States; and
- (b) whether Government has made any arrangement for the survey and treatment of these after effects, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): According to global estimates by the World Health Organization, though most people who develop COVID-19 fully recover, but current evidence suggests that approximately 10%-20% of people also experience a variety of mid- and long-term effects (Post COVID-19 condition, also known as "long COVID,"), after they recover from their initial illness. The disease is known to affect a number of organ system in the body with complications relating to respiratory systems, cardiovascular system, gastrointestinal system, renal system and neurological system.

Ministry of Health & FW on 21st October 2021 has issued a National Comprehensive Guidelines for Management of Post-Covid Sequelae. The guidelines provide detailed guidance on common presenting signs and symptoms, system wise complications, investigations required, other differential diagnosis to be considered and clinical treatment.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in collaboration with AIIMS, Delhi (as Center of Excellence) and other State level Centers of Excellence and in association with Indian Medical Association has organized a series of webinars for healthcare professionals engaged in public and private health facilities at State and District levels on COVID-19 clinical management related issues including management of post-COVID complications.

Adequate budgetary support is provided to ICMR to undertake studies on post COVID sequelae in Indian population.
