

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2016**

ESTABLISHING CHEST PAIN CLINICS

2361. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that medical research in the field of Cardiology has brought immense improvement in dealing with heart related diseases resulting in noticeable reduction in the mortality rate and heart operation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that establishing the Chest Pain Clinics (CPCs) at various places will be able to provide initial care and save precious human lives; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider establishing Chest Pain Clinics in the pattern of the Public Health Centres in order to bring down the mortality rate due to heart problems and save human lives?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a): There has been a sharp decline in cardiovascular disease (CVD) mortality rates from the year 1970 to 2010. The recognition of causal risk factors, including tobacco use, high cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes, unhealthy diet and sedentary life style led to widespread public health initiatives, societal/environmental changes and individual behavior changes. Introduction of evidence based preventive medication targeting blood pressure, LDL reduction and glycemetic control to treat individuals at risk of CVD has reduced incident of CVD events.

Source: ICMR

(b) & (c): Government of India has initiated National Program for Prevention of Diabetes, Cardio Vascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). As informed by NPCDCS, presently there is no proposal to establish Chest Pain Clinics. All Government and private hospitals are equipped to treat patients with heart problems.