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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1563
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th March, 2023**

PREVENTION AND CARE OF CHRONIC DISEASE

1563. #SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

- (a) the number of people suffering from chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, diabetes, TB etc. during the last four years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken or to be taken by Government for prevention and awareness of all these chronic diseases in view of their increasing effect; and
- (c) the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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(a) to (c); According to the ICMR study Report “India: Health of the Nation's States”, the proportion of Chronic Diseases (NCDs) have increased in India from 30.5% in 1990 to 55.4% in 2016. The detailed report is available at the following link-

[https://www.healthdata.org/sites/default/files/files/policy_report/2017/India Health of the Nation%27s States Report 2017.pdf](https://www.healthdata.org/sites/default/files/files/policy_report/2017/India_Health_of_the_Nation%27s_States_Report_2017.pdf)

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, 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 from the States/UTs and subject to the resource envelope. 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 Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Under NPCDCS, 708 District NCD Clinics, 301 District Day Care Centres, 194 Cardiac Care Units, and 5671 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up.

Diagnosis and treatment of NCDs is available at various levels in the health care facilities. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. Treatment of major NCDs are also available under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). Besides, quality generic medicines are made available at affordable

prices to all, under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions, with an objective to make drugs available at a substantial discount vis-à-vis the Maximum Retail Price.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs 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 the common NCDs i.e. Diabetes, Hypertension and three common cancers i.e oral, breast and cervical. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres.

Preventive aspect of Cardiovascular Diseases is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of Health Days pertains to NCDs & use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Furthermore, healthy eating is also promoted through FSSAI. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH. In addition, NPCDCS gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities for NCDs to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).
