

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

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UNSTARRED ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 1400  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**PRIORITISATION OF NCDS PROGRAMME**

**1400. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to prioritize Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) programme, particularly Hypertension (HTN) and Diabetes Management (DM), interventions under the comprehensive primary health care;
- (b) the details of monitoring mechanism of the NCD programme;
- (c) the details of any app or other tools used by Government to measure the progress of the programme;
- (d) the number of District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, Health, and Wellness Centres covered with the programme of NCDs, particularly HTN and Dm; and
- (e) whether all service providers at the last mile (HWC) have been trained to provide the HTN treatment and care services?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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(a) to (e): The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received from the States/UTs and subject to the resource envelope. Hypertension and Diabetes is an integral part of NP-NCD. 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 NP-NCD, 724 District NCD Clinics, 210 Cardiac Care Centre, and 6110 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs i.e. diabetes, hypertension and common 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 the common NCDs. Screening of diabetes and hypertension is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC).

Preventive aspect of NCDs 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 Hypertension, Diabetes and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of World

Hypertension Day, World Diabetes Day and 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, NP-NCD 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).

Under NP-NCD, sphygmomanometer, glucometer and drugs for hypertension and diabetes are provided as per the proposals received from the states. Under Free Drugs Service Initiative of NHM, financial support is provided to States/UTs for provision of free essential medicines including insulin for poor and needy people. Furthermore, quality generic medicines for NCDs are made available at affordable prices to all, under 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), in collaboration with the State Governments.

National NCD portal assists the healthcare providers and managers in service delivery and monitoring of Population Based Screening (PBS) for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) at all levels (National, State, District, Block, PHC and Sub Centre level). The portal addressed key issues of making Electronic Health Record (EHR), standardizing the recording and reporting system, creating unique Ayushman Bharat Health Account ID (ABHA ID), streamlining the upward and downward referrals across health facilities, tracking follow-up and preparation of work plan for the health personnel.

Under AB-HWC, capacity building of all service providers i.e. Medical Officer, Staff Nurse, Community Health Officer, Multi Purpose Worker (Male & Female) and ASHA is carried out for NCD package of services including Hypertension.

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