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**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th AUGUST, 2023**

MONITORING MECHANISM FOR VISITING ASHA WORKERS AND ANMS

2210. DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

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

- (a) whether there is any monitoring mechanism by Government to ensure that patients with chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes are regularly visited by front line health workers like ASHAs and ANMs for their regular monitoring of BP and sugar levels, if so, the details thereof
- (b) the number of NCD patients followed up by ASHA workers and ANMs and the incentive amount disbursed to ASHA workers for following up the patients with State-wise breakup; and
- (c) the details of the efforts taken up for further strengthening of this programme activities in all States?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) Under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD), once diagnosed for blood pressure and blood sugar by Medical Officer, ANM ensures the follow-up of patient on treatment and refill of drugs. Community follow up of identified individuals is carried out by ASHA making visits for behavioral changes, treatment compliances, and encouraging patients to go to the Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) for regular check-up of blood pressure/blood glucose.

ASHAs are envisaged to be community health volunteer and only entitled to task/activity based incentives. ASHAs receive a fixed monthly incentive of Rs. 2000 per month in the country for routine and recurring activities. Additionally, they are provided performance based incentives for varied set of activities under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) and the details are placed at **Annexure**.

(b) This data is not maintained centrally.

(c) 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), including Hypertension and Diabetes. Under NP-NCD, 724 District NCD Clinics, 210 Cardiac Care Centre, and 6110 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up.

Under NP-NCD, financial support is provided for BP apparatus (sphygmomanometer) for Hypertension, glucometer for Diabetes and drugs for both Hypertension and Diabetes as per the proposals received from the States/UTs.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common Non-Communicable Diseases (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 common NCDs. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres.

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. In addition, NPCDCS gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities for Diabetes to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Diabetes and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of World Diabetes Day, World Hypertension 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.

The National NCD Portal has been used for implementation of Population Based Screening along with prevention, control, screening and management of common NCDs. Primary level information is recorded through this app at public health facilities for reporting and monitoring individual-wise screening and treatment adherence for NCDs. Application also features a Single Longitudinal Health Record for every individual in the cloud, identified by a Ayushman Bharat Health Account ID (ABHA ID). Application features enrolment of the individual and family, individual risk assessment through Community Based Assessment Check List (CBAC), recording of screening, examination & referral. It ensures data availability and continuum of care ensuring linkage between the facilities. The work plan is generated for ASHA and ANMs on National NCD Portal to keep track on cases due for follow up.

Incentives under Universal NCDs Screening

1	Filling up of CBAC forms of every individual	Rs. 10/per form/per individual
2	Follow up of patients	Rs. 50/per case/Bi-Annual
3	Provision of a cash award to ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators who have successfully been certified in two independent certificates.	Rs. 5000/- for each certification
(i)	Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition	
(ii)	Expanded package of new services from Non-Communicable Diseases to Palliative Care	
4	Provision of incentives for ASHAs for facilitating creation and seeding of ABHA ID in various IT Portals of MoHFW such as National NCD Portal	Rs. 10/- for each ABHA account created and seeded