

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1088
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th DECEMBER, 2023**

TREATMENT OF STROKE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

1088 SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that stroke is the second most common cause of death in the country, if so, whether Government has data on stroke along with the initiatives taken to prevent stroke deaths;
- (b) whether State and Central Government hospitals are providing free treatment to stroke victims, including expensive clot-dissolving drugs for stroke victims; if so, State-wise details of hospitals where this free treatment is available and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the list of States which have implemented it under the National Program for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD and Stroke (NPCDCS)?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c): ICMR has not conducted any recent study on deaths due to Stroke.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare 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. Stroke is an integral part of NP-NCD. The programme focuses 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, including Stroke.

Stroke is a multifactorial disease, the risk factors of which interalia, include high blood pressure, high blood sugar, sedentary lifestyles, smoking, alcohol, physical inactivity, and unhealthy diet. Preventive aspect of stroke is being strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandir scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Stroke and for promotion of healthy lifestyle include observation of World Stroke Day and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. In addition, NP-NCD gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Cardiovascular Diseases patients are getting treatment at various health facilities in the health care delivery system including District Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Central Institutes like AIIMS, Central Government hospitals. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy.

Stroke services under NP-NCD programme are implemented in 19 States. (List of States attached as Annexure-A).

Annexure-A:

List of States/UTs having services related to Stroke under NP-NCD Programme

S.No.	Name of State
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Daman & Diu & DNH
3	Goa
4	Gujarat
5	Haryana
6	Himachal Pradesh
7	Jammu & Kashmir
8	Karnataka
9	Kerala
10	Ladakh
11	Lakshadweep
12	Madhya Pradesh
13	Odisha
14	Puducherry
15	Punjab
16	Tamil Nadu
17	Telangana
18	Tripura
19	West Bengal