

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 932
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY, 2024**

CHRONIC DISEASES IN THE COUNTRY

**932 SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:
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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of deaths caused due to noncommunicable diseases in the country, year-wise;
- (b) the details of measures Government has taken to create awareness and reduce the burden of chronic diseases in the country; and
- (c) the manner in which Government plans to provide affordable and robust healthcare services in the country, given that the out-of-pocket expenditure on health is still very high?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

- (a): According to the ICMR study report "India: Health of the Nation's States" published in 2017, the proportion of deaths due to Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) have increased in India from 37.9% in 1990 to 61.8% in 2016.
- (b): To address the rising burden of non-communicable diseases, 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. The programme includes the following:
 - i. Strengthening infrastructure
 - ii. Human resource development
 - iii. Health promotion & awareness generation for prevention

- iv. Population based screening of 30 years and above population under Ayushman Arogya Mandir
- v. Early diagnosis and management
- vi. Referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment

Under NP-NCD, 753 District NCD Clinics, 220 Cardiac Care Units (CCUs), 356 District Day Care Centres, and 6238 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up.

Measures taken by Government to create awareness are as follows:

- i. A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs i.e. diabetes, hypertension and common cancers has been rolled out as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under NHM. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Arogya Mandir.
- ii. Under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandir Scheme, wellness activities at the community level are promoted.
- iii. For increasing public awareness about NCDs and for promotion of healthy lifestyle, National and International Health Days are observed and print, electronic and social media are also used for the purpose.
- iv. Healthy eating is promoted through Eat Right India movement of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- v. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.
- vi. NP-NCD gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation activities for non-communicable diseases to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

(c): To facilitate accessible and affordable healthcare and treatment to reduce out of pocket expenses, the following steps have been taken:-

Patients with non-communicable diseases are getting treatment at various health facilities including District Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Central Institutes like AIIMS and private sector hospitals. The treatment provided in Government Hospitals is either free or subsidized.

- i. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization is provided.
- ii. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Scheme was launched to set up dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices. As on 30th June, 12,616 PMBJKs have been opened in the country. Under PMBJP, 2047 types of medicines and 300 surgical devices have been brought under the basket of the scheme of which 83 products are for cancer treatment.
- iii. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT), an initiative launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare aims to provide affordable medicines for treatment of cancer, cardiovascular and other diseases. As on 15.06.2024 there are 206 AMRIT Pharmacies spread across 29 States/Union Territories, selling more than 5,200 drugs (including cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes, stents, etc), implants, surgical disposables and other consumables at a significant discounts upto 50% on market rates.