

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025**

PERSONS WITH AGE-RELATED DISEASES

2839: SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of elderly people having age-related diseases has increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any special scheme for the treatment of heart, kidney and bone diseases in view of the increasing number of elderly people in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): With rising life expectancy, the elderly population in the country is increasing, and so is the number of people experiencing age-related diseases. As per the findings of Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) 2020, 75% of the elderly have one or more chronic diseases, 24% of the elderly have at least one Activities of Daily Living (ADL) limitation. To address the healthcare concerns of the elderly population, this Ministry is implementing 'National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE)' since 2010-11 with the vision of ensuring accessible, affordable, and high-quality comprehensive healthcare services for individuals aged 60 years and above. Under NPHCE, the healthcare services are given to elderly at Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels.

The Ministry 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). The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation, screening, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for the screening of common NCDs including the Elderly.

Cardiovascular Diseases (including heart attack) and chronic kidney disease patients are getting treatment at various health facilities in the health care delivery system including Medical Colleges, Central Institutes like AIIMS, Central Government hospitals. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is one of the integral part of the NPCDCS programme. Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) launched in 2016-17 for CKD patients ensures availability of dialysis services at the district hospitals in the country, free of cost, to all BPL beneficiaries.
