

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd FEBRUARY, 2026**

SUDDEN INCREASE IN CARDIAC DEATH CASES

426. SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an unusual increase in the number of Sudden Cardiac Death cases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons behind this trend amongst individuals with a history of COVID-19 illness in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of people in the country who have died due to cardiac arrest with history of COVID-19 disease, State-wise including Tamil Nadu?

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

(a) to (e): Sudden Cardiac Deaths (SCDs) have been reported in some people after COVID-19. However, sufficient evidence is not available to confirm the cause of such deaths. To ascertain the facts regarding the apprehension of rising cases of SCD after COVID-19, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) conducted a study titled “Factors associated with unexplained sudden deaths among adults aged 18-45 years in India – A multicentric matched case-control study” at 47 tertiary care hospitals located across 19 states/UT of India during May- August 2023.

The study observed that COVID-19 vaccination did not increase the risk of unexplained sudden death among young adults in India. Past COVID-19 hospitalization, family history of sudden death and certain lifestyle behaviors increased the likelihood of unexplained sudden death.
