

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1080
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2026**

ANNUAL FREE HEALTH CHECK-UPS FOR EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASES

1080. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated or proposes to formulate a policy for providing free annual preventive health check-ups and diagnostic tests to every citizen for early detection of communicable and non-communicable diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed age groups, categories of beneficiaries, package of diagnostic tests, implementation mechanism and likely timeline; and
- (c) if not, whether Government has examined the feasibility of introducing such a nationwide preventive health screening programme, and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is undertaking several initiatives to promote preventive healthcare under the broader vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for all. The National Health Mission (NHM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs across the country and are providing preventive, promotive, palliative, rehabilitative and curative care.

Through **Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs)**, comprehensive primary healthcare (CPHC) is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centers (PHCs) for an expanded range of services encompassing reproductive and child healthcare services, elderly care services, Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases, emergency medical services and other health issues. As reported by States/UTs on AAM portal, a total of 1,86,298 AAMs have been operationalized in India, till 30.06.2026.

Under Free Diagnostics Service Initiative, Government of India provides financial support to States/UTs for providing accessible and affordable pathological and radiological diagnostics services closer to the community, free of cost at all levels of public health facilities [14 tests at SHC-AAMs, 63 at PHC-AAMs, 97 at Community Health Centres (CHCs), 111 test at Sub District Hospitals (SDHs) and 134 tests at District Hospitals (DHs)].

Under the **National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD)**, a population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of CPHC. Under this Program, ASHA administers Community Based Assessment Checklist (CBAC) for all individuals of 30 years and above age group in the population. Risk assessment for NCDs is done through CBAC and all the high risk individuals of age 30 years and above are referred for screening of common NCDs. Population Based Screening helps in better management of diseases by the way of early stage of detection, follow up and treatment adherence to reduce mortality. Under the NP-NCD programme, till 30.06.2026, 42.25 crore screenings for Hypertension, 42.09 crore screenings for Diabetes, 35.97 crore screenings for Oral cancer, 16.86 crore screenings for Breast cancer and 9.24 crore screenings for Cervical cancer have been conducted at all public health facilities as per NP-NCD portal.

To accelerate the reduction in TB incidence & mortality, the Government has implemented TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan since 7th December 2024. The key strategies include identification of vulnerable population including asymptomatic and screening by Chest X-ray at health facility or outreach camps for early detection, upfront Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) for all presumptive TB cases, timely treatment initiation & completion, differentiated TB care for managing high-risk TB cases, nutrition support and preventive treatment to eligible vulnerable population.
