

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2017**

PREVENTION AND SCREENING OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

2642. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a population based prevention, screening and control programme for non-communicable diseases as part of the National Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Government of India is implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), the objective of which includes prevention, awareness generation, screening, treatment and referral inter-alia for up to district level intervention under National Health Mission (NHM). Government of India has also initiated a programme on population level screening of Common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as Diabetes, Hypertension and Common Cancers viz. Oral, Breast and Cervical Cancer.

Under this programme, the frontline health workers such as ASHAs and ANMs, inter alia are being leveraged to carry out screening and generate awareness about the risk factors of NCDs.

Initially, 100 districts across the country are identified for implementation of the programme. Operational guidelines under this scheme has been shared with the States/ UTs with the request to submit their proposals in their state specific Programme Implementation Plans for assistance under NHM.