

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3951
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2019**

PREMATURE DEATHS

3951. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government endorsed nine global voluntary targets with the overarching aim to reduce premature deaths by 25 per cent from four major noncommunicable diseases by 2025 as envisaged by the World Health Organisation (WHO); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made therein so far in the country?

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

(a): India has adopted National Action Plan and Monitoring framework for prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases, which include nine global voluntary targets in World Health Organisation Global Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases. The plan envisages to achieve these targets by 2025. India, in its Action Plan has also included a target on reduction of household indoor air pollution. The targets in the plan also include reduction in tobacco use, reduction in raised blood pressure, drug therapy to prevent heart attacks and stroke inter alia. These targets under National Action Plan are for 2025. A number of measures have been taken to achieve these targets. The Government of India is implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under the National Health Mission (NHM), to support the States, for interventions upto district level. The objective of the programme include awareness generation, screening, referral to higher level facilities among others.

Further, for early diagnosis, population level initiative for prevention, control, screening and management of common Non- Communicable Diseases (diabetes, hypertension and cancer viz. oral, breast and cervical cancer) has been rolled out in over 200 districts of the country under NHM. Under this initiative, services of frontline health workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) are being used for risk profiling and screening of population. This will generate awareness on risk factors of NCDs as well.

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For Population Based initiative for prevention control, screening and management of common NCDs, a mobile application and website is developed. Two mobile based applications, m-Diabetes and M-Cessation, which provide information on Diabetes and tobacco Cessation, are also implemented.

Services for prevention and control of NCDs are also included under Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat, Comprehensive Primary Health Care.

Steps have also been taken to promote healthy lifestyle and healthy eating as well as to ensure multisectorality in dealing with risk factors of NCDs through a National Multisectoral Action Plan. Tobacco control activities are regulated through Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act (COTPA), and National Tobacco Control Programme is being implemented under NHM.

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