

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 14
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST JUNE, 2019
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CLINIC AT AIIMS**

***14. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

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

- (a) whether India's first multiple sclerosis clinic is going to be opened at AIIMS in pursuit of better diagnosis and treatment for people suffering from the disease in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated number of patients battling multiple sclerosis;
- (c) the details of studies and research work likely to be undertaken in the clinic;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open more such clinics in the country; and
- (e) if so, the total amount of funds sanctioned/likely to be sanctioned for the said purpose?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (e) AIIMS, New Delhi, has started a Multiple Sclerosis clinic in the interest of patient care and treatment. It is estimated that prevalence of Multiple Sclerosis in India is approximately 10 to 20 per 100000 people. The present research includes study of demographics, clinical profile, biochemical and genetic biomarkers for relapse and disease behaviour, response to treatment etc. The research also includes assessment of the Ayurvedic Prakriti phenotypes and relationship to disease and comparison with healthy persons. The planned research includes setting up a National Registry in collaboration and help from ICMR, studying the role of Yoga and MS fatigue and clinical symptoms improvement and assessing cognitive dysfunction in MS subjects.
