

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5509  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

**5509. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce programmes for prevention of communicable diseases, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the gravity of communicable diseases in the country especially in North East and the initiative for control of said diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to create awareness among the citizens regarding food habits and healthy lifestyle so as to control such diseases; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and financial assistance given by the Union Government to States for implementation of the projects in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Prevention is an integral component of all major communicable disease control programmes.

**Leprosy:** Major focus of the programme is to enhance active and early case detection to contain disease transmission and Grade II Disabilities (G2D).

In addition, various services are being provided under the programme for Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) i.e., reaction management, provision of Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, Aids & Appliances, referral services for management of cases and reconstructive surgery at District Hospitals and Medical Colleges/Central leprosy Institutions

**TB:** The government has issued Guidelines on Airborne Infection Control in Healthcare and other settings in the context of tuberculosis and other airborne infections, to provide guidance on precautions as well as managerial activities to reduce the risk in the facilities. In addition, the Revised National TB Control Programme Technical and Operational Guidelines has

provision of TB preventive therapy to People Living with HIV and household contacts <6 years of TB patients after due screening.

**Viral Hepatitis:** Ministry of Health has an integrated initiative for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis in India to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3 which aims to ending viral hepatitis by 2030.

**Vector Borne Diseases:** The preventive measures are directed at reducing the vector density and early case detection.

(b) & (c): No such study has been conducted by the Ministry of Health & family Welfare

(d) & (e): The Ministry of health has undertaken communication campaigns aimed at creating awareness among the citizens regarding food habits and healthy lifestyle so as to control such diseases through mass and mid media.

The Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns are decentralised at the State level and the related financial approvals are given at the Central level based on the proposal of the States.

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