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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5032 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2023

NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

5032. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO: SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK: SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU: SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE: SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lancet Journal has published a report regarding the urgent need for policy focus and action to address the dual impact of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and COVID-19 in developing economies including India and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard;

(b) whether there has indeed been a substantial increase in the death percentage during the last few decades due to NCD leading to a huge loss of revenue also and if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is a sharp rise in cases of new NCD like diabetes mellitus, hypertension, coronary artery disease, asthma and kidney failure, etc., after the onset of COVID-19 putting more burden on the healthcare system and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of other steps taken/being taken by the Government to save precious human life from after-effects of COVID-19; and

(e) whether the Government is taking any measures to mitigate the impact of NCDs and COVID-19 in the country and if so, the details thereof including the awareness campaign launched and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c): According to the ICMR study report "India: Health of the Nation's States" (2017),

1. The proportion of Non- communicable Diseases (NCDs) contribution to total deaths in India have increased from 37.9% in 1990 to 61.8% in 2016.

2. The proportion of Non- communicable Diseases (NCDs) have increased in India from 30.5% in 1990 to 55.4% in 2016.

[Complete report is available at

https://www.healthdata.org/sites/default/files/files/policy_report/2017/India_Health_of_the_Nation%2 7s_States_Report_2017.pdf].

(d) & (e): The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). The programme includes the following,

- i. Strengthening infrastructure
- ii. Human resource development
- iii. Health promotion
- iv. Screening of 30 years and above population under Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre
- v. Early diagnosis and management
- vi. Referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility

Under NPCDCS, 708 District NCD Clinics, 194 District Cardiac Care Units, 301 District Day Care Centres and 5671 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 21 October 2021 has issued 'National Comprehensive Guidelines for Management of Post-Covid Sequelae'. The guidance document-contains detailed guidance for doctors on managing systemic post-COVID cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, nephrological, neurological and respiratory complications and rehabilitation from such complications. The said guidelines have been widely circulated to all States/UTs and also made available on the website of MOHFW (available at:

https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/NationalComprehensiveGuidelinesforManagementofPostCovidSequela e.pdf).

Awareness Generation for NCD prevention & treatment has also been focused in following ways:

1. Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre Scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level.

2. Increasing public awareness by using print, electronic and social media about NCDs and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National & International Health Days.

3. Healthy Eating is promoted through Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

4. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

5. Various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.

6. In addition, NPCDCS gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities for NCDs to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).