

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3725
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE FOR EMERGING THREATS (PRET)
LAUNCHED BY WHO**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that World Health Organization (WHO) has recently launched the Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats (PRET) initiative to ensure better preparedness against future outbreaks like COVID-19 pandemic etc.; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) and (b): The World Health Organization (WHO) in April 2023 launched a new initiative 'Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats' (PRET) to help countries better prepare for future pandemics. The initiative is based on recognition of the fact that similar systems, capacities, knowledge, and tools can be utilized for groups of pathogens based on their shared modes of transmission (respiratory, vector-borne, foodborne etc.).

PRET provides a platform for national, regional and global stakeholders to collaborate to strengthen preparedness, while utilizing technical guidance, learnings from COVID-19 to strengthen public health preparedness and increased coordination and collaboration among various stakeholders.

With a view to prepare country against future public health emergencies, PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crores have been launched. It envisages developing capacities of health systems and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels viz. primary, secondary and tertiary level and provides support to fill critical gaps in health infrastructure, surveillance and health research – spanning both the urban and rural areas.
