

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2777
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH March, 2021**

DIGITAL PROCESS FOR TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

**2777. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated digital process for tracing/tracking Corona and other infectious diseases not only to enable the patients to get timely treatment but also prevent spread of such diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness about various diseases and checking them at the primary level; and
- (d) the details of the funds spent in this head during the last five years?

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

(a) & (b): The Government has taken a number of steps for tracing / tracking of patients with corona and other infectious diseases in the country, as given below :-

Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) :- Under IDSP, Surveillance units have been established in all States and District Headquarters and are reporting weekly data on epidemic prone diseases. The data is collected to monitor disease trends and to detect and respond to outbreaks in early rising phase through trained Rapid Response Teams (RRTs). The IDSP has also been geared up in connection with Covid-19 to track and follow up passengers coming from various countries like China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, etc.

Aarogya Setu App is an app developed by Ministry of Electronics and IT for Covid-19 contact tracing, symptoms mapping and self-assessment. It also helps in identification of Covid-19 clusters.

COWIN App is a digital platform developed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to help agencies keep a track of Covid-19 vaccination programme and allowing Indian citizens to apply for a Covid-19 vaccine shot.

Covid-India Portal & Testing Portal developed by Ministry of Health & FW for collecting state specific data pertaining to various aspects of Covid-19 management such as number of cases, infrastructure availability testing, etc.

(c) & (d): The IDSP is implemented under the National Health Mission in all States/UTs with the objective to detect and respond to disease outbreaks due to epidemic prone diseases. To prevent the spread of such outbreaks, under IDSP States/UTs are provided with additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases, IT equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer.

Further, the health awareness media campaigns from central level by this Ministry are released through Bureau of Outreach and Communication, Doordarshan, All India Radio, etc. The details of expenditure incurred during last five years by this ministry under Swastha Nagrik Abhiyan (SNA) are as under :-

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2015-16	223.07
2016-17	251.08
2017-18	188.47
2018-19	226.57
2019-20	132.20