

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 2289  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

**LUNG DISEASE DUE TO POLLUTION**

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

- (a) whether the lungs diseases are increasing due to pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take concrete steps to check it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): Under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has conducted Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI) surveillance in context of Air pollution in 15 States. It was observed that cases of acute respiratory illness was reported slightly high during the winter months.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare works to address the issues through its five key action points of public awareness generation through IEC campaigns, capacity building of the health sector including trainings, health sector preparedness and response mechanisms, partnerships and collaborations with relevant Ministries/ Departments.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has also issued various documents for preventive measures to States/UTs:

- a. National Health Adaptation Plan for diseases due to air pollution
- b. IEC posters, Audio-Video IECs, GIFs,
- c. Public Health Advisory on air pollution
- d. Training Manuals for community level health workers on Air Pollution

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January 2019 to tackle the problem of air pollution in a comprehensive manner to reduce Particulate Matter 10 (PM 10) and Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) concentrations.

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