

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1100  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016**

**DIABETIC POPULATION IN INDIA**

**1100. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:  
ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether as per the study by Lancet journal India is among the top three countries in the world with high diabetic population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government would consider imposition of a tax on sugar, drinks and sweets to change the dietary patterns to curb the prevalence of diabetes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b): As informed by Indian Council of Medical Research, as per a study published in Lancet Journal, India is among the top three countries in the world with high diabetic population. According to International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Diabetes Atlas (7<sup>th</sup> Edition), China has the largest number of diabetes (109.6 million) followed by India (69.1 million) and United States of America (USA) (29.3 million) in 2015.

(c) & (d): As per the Finance Minister's budget speech, 2016, there is a proposal for increase of excise duty on aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured from 18 per cent to 21 per cent.