

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1278
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

STOMACH CANCER

1278. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether stomach cancer has gradually increased in the country during the last ten years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any measures including spreading awareness among the people in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) and (b): As per the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research(NCDIR) - (NCRP), the estimated number of incidences of stomach cancer cases is increasing in the country and the details for the years 2014 to 2023 is enclosed in Annexure. Based on review of scientific publications, there are a number of reasons for the increase in stomach cancer cases such as family history of stomach cancer, helicobacter pylori infection, history of stomach ulcers or stomach polyps, diet high in fatty, salty, smoked or pickled foods, epstein- barr virus infection.

(c) to (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 Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) including diabetes. The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation for prevention, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including Cancer. For activities upto district level and below, States are given financial assistance under NHM in the ratio of 60:40 (90:10 in case of NE and hilly States). Under NP-NCD, 753 District NCD Clinics and 6237 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs i.e. diabetes, hypertension and common cancers has been rolled out as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under NHM. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Arogya Mandir (erstwhile Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres).

Preventive aspect of NCDs has been 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. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of International & National Health Days and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Furthermore, healthy eating is also promoted through FSSAI. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH. In addition, NP-NCD gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities for NCDs including diabetes to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Estimated cancer cases in India (2014-2023) - Stomach Cancer (C16) - Both Sexes*	
Year	Incidence
2014	42929
2015	44087
2016	45250
2017	46446
2018	47668
2019	48887
2020	50143
2021	51412
2022	52706
2023	54023

