

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 183
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2024**

TYPE-1 DIABETES

**183: SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA
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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Type-I Diabetes patients in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any census in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken /proposes to take any welfare measures/steps for children who are congenitally affected by Type-I Diabetes in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to provide financial assistance against the expenditure incurred upon costly treatments like Insulin Therapy in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d); As per Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), it is very difficult to conduct a survey for children with type-1 diabetes as the frequency is not high enough to warrant screening of all children for type-1 diabetes. However, there is a registry maintained by the Indian Council of Medical Research called as Young Diabetes Registry (YDR). The YDR registry collects data of patients with young onset diabetes, diagnosed on or below 25 years of age. According to the YDR registry data, out of 20351 young diabetes patients, 13368 (65.6%) were type-1 diabetes.

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 Diabetes. 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).

Further, initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National & International Health Days and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Furthermore, healthy eating is also promoted through Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and various Yoga related activities are being 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).

Under NP-NCD, glucometer and drugs for diabetes are provided as per the proposals received from the States. Insulin and insulin pumps are provided as per requirement of States in Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs). Under Free Drugs Service Initiative of NHM, financial support is provided to States/UTs for provision of free essential medicines including insulin for poor and needy people. Furthermore, quality generic medicines including insulin are made available at affordable prices to all, under 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), in collaboration with the State Governments.
