

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to open more institutes dealing with communicable diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is also a proposal to modify and expand the role of the NICD;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether State Governments will also be given assistance to set up their own institutes in this field; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) At present, there is no proposal to open new institutes dealing with communicable diseases in the country or provide assistance to State Governments to set up their own institutes in this field. However, during the Tenth Plan, it is envisaged to strengthen the functioning of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi. Further, under the proposed Integrated Diseases Surveillance Project (IDSP), assistance is envisaged to be provided to the States to strengthen laboratory and surveillance activities.