

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMBATING HEART DISEASES

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

- (a) whether India is more prone to heart-diseases in comparison to the people of other countries;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard ;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the effective measures taken by the Government to combat heart diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Some studies from India have shown a lower prevalence rate of coronary artery disease (CAD) than that from western countries at a given point of time. Some studies also report that Indian immigrants have a higher mortality due to CAD as compared to reference population of the host countries where they live. Studies conducted in India also reveal a higher prevalence of CAD in urban adults in comparison to adults in rural areas.

(d) : Since CAD is related to lifestyle practices, the Government is running health awareness and education campaign. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has initiated steps to obtain in-principle approval of Planning Commission to start a National Programme on Cardio Vascular Diseases.