

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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COMBATING NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether non-communicable diseases are a growing problem in the country ;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has conducted any study on non- communicable diseases; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). has drawn up any plan to tackle non-communicable diseases; and,
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(e) Yes Sir, there is a growing problem of non-communicable diseases in the country. Chronic diseases are estimated to account for 53% of all deaths and 44% of disability adjusted life years (DALYs). No systemic study has been done in India to find out exact figures. Indian Council of Medical Research has been addressing various issues relating to NCDs, including its prevention and control through its research activities and making efforts towards diversification of its activities to address to identify the factors contributing to the burden of non- communicable diseases.