

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

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PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME  
Borkatky Shri Narayan Chandra

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

- (a) whether the government has any programme on preventive health care so as to minimize the number of patients in civil hospitals ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take up any focussed programme on water borne diseases ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Though there is no separate national programme on preventive health care, the major national health programmes have certain components for undertaking periodic screening and other measures in order to prevent occurrence of diseases, and IEC activities for spreading general awareness to improve personal hygiene and lifestyles. Guidelines are issued to various authorities from time to time to improve environmental conditions by ensuring supply of safe drinking water, proper sanitation etc. Technical support to improve the quality of drinking water is also envisaged to be provided by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi.

The government has launched Integrated Diseases Surveillance Project which aims at early identification of outbreaks of various communicable and non-communicable diseases so that early intervention could be made and occurrence, disability and death due to various diseases could be reduced. The Project includes surveillance of Water Borne diseases like Diarrhoea diseases including Cholera and Typhoid.