

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

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

- (a) whether more than one fourth of brain stroke patients in India are young people below the age of forty;
- (b) if so, whether most of the hospitals in rural India are not equipped with proper medical equipments to deal with such patients;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has any plans to provide facilities for the treatment of said patients in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): The report of the National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health reports that the number of stroke cases will increase from 12 lakh in 2005 to 17 lakh in 2015. Hospital based data from India indicate a high proportion of young stroke cases (first ever stroke onset < 40 years of age) ranging between 15% to 30%.
- (b): Cases of stroke(s) are attended to in the health care delivery system at various levels including Community Health Centres and District Hospitals. Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds have been provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health infrastructure.
- (c) & (d): To address the Non Communicable Disease burden including stroke cases, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has drafted a National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (NPDCS). Initially, the programme is proposed to be implemented in 15 States/UTs in 100 districts.