

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISEASES DUE TO POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of diseases are breaking out due to various kinds of pollution in the country like respiratory disorders, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to prevent such diseases?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (c): Several epidemiological studies have shown an association between particulate air pollution and exacerbations of illness in people with respiratory diseases as well as rise in the number of deaths from cardiovascular and respiratory disease among older people.

For treatment and prevention of these diseases the following step has been taken by the Government:-

National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched for providing integrated comprehensive Primary Healthcare Services, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the Society. It also provides an overarching umbrella for various disease prevention and control programmes.

Apart from this the Government has also approved a National Programme on Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease (CVD) and Stroke.