

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

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

- (a) whether the diseases relating to breathing like bronchitis, asthma, etc. are increasing in the country; and
- (b) if so, the plans to the Government to overcome the situation?

Answer

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

(a) As per the report of the National Commission for Microeconomics and Health (2005), it is estimated that there are roughly 1.5 crore cases of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in the age group of 30 years and above and 2.5 crore cases of Asthma in 2001 in India. These number are projected to increase by nearly 50% by the year 2016.

(b) These diseases are diagnosed and treated in various hospitals in the health care delivery system, in addition to medical colleges and apex institutions like the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, etc.