

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

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STUDY OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study of epidemiology to ascertain the causes, distribution and control of diseases including mental and physical disorder in the population across the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start a national programme to safeguard the people from modern life style diseases and set up cells for communicable and noncommunicable diseases across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has launched/proposed health awareness programmes about such diseases; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds provided and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b):- Government has supported and undertaken several Epidemiological surveys from time to time in the area of Non-Communicable Diseases including cancer, mental health, hearing impairment, musculoskeletal disorders, blindness, neurological disorders, cardio-vascular diseases, diabetes, road traffic injuries to name a few. There have been large-scale epidemiological studies through Indian Council Medical Research (ICMR) in large populations on specific problems with methodological advancements focusing on issues of prevalence, risk factors, cause definition, screening, diagnosis and classification.

The National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR is collecting data on cancer occurrence through its network of 26 Populating Based Cancer Registry and 6 Hospital Based Cancer Registry.

(c) to (f):- Govt. has developed the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease and Stroke. The activities include creating health awareness for these diseases and their major risk factors. The Government implements IEC strategies involving Electronic, Print & local media at Central level and through State Governments to create awareness about various programmes. Details of expenditure are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House