

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

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COMMUNICABLE AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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

- (a) whether communicable and noncommunicable diseases are the leading causes of deaths in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to control the menace of communicable and noncommunicable diseases in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to enhance budgetary support to deal with these diseases and also encourage medical research in these domains; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount spent on research works related to communicable and non-communicable diseases in the country during the last year and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The distribution of deaths by major cause groups according to the 'Report on causes of death in India, 2001-2003' published by Registrar General of India is Annexed.

(c) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the Government of India is supporting the State/UT Governments for the improvement of Primary Health System to better respond to the challenge of Communicable and Non-communicable diseases in the country. Under the NRHM, Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) and National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), medical and non-medical personnel are trained, drugs and diagnostics provided and implementation of prevention and control activities monitored by the Government of India. However, Health being State subject, the prevention and control activities are primarily implemented by the respective State/UT Governments.

(d): To give a boost to control and prevention of Communicable and Non-communicable diseases, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has established a new Department of Health Research (DHR) for providing evidence base for framing policies and programmes.

(e): According to the information received from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an amount of Rs. 22112.49 lakh was spent for research relating to Communicable and Non-communicable diseases in the year 2009-10. During the current year i.e. 2010-11, an amount of Rs. 11,066.15 lakh has been spent for the same purpose upto the period October, 2010.