

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

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CASES OF DIABETES

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study viz. INDIAB with support of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to ascertain the prevalence of diabetes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the findings thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government to ensure affordability of treatment of diabetes and also diabetic medicines;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to scan people for diseases of heart, kidney besides diabetes for timely treatment across the country, particularly in rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the programme chalked out for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) & (b): The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has initiated Task Force project entitled, "ICMR-India Diabetes [INDIAB] Study-Phase-I", with the aim to determine the prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus and pre-diabetes and (ii) compare the prevalence of type 2 diabetes and pre-diabetes in urban and rural areas. The study is ongoing with effect from 1st June, 2008.

(c): Diabetes patients are treated in the healthcare delivery system up to District Hospitals and CHC's besides Medical Colleges and tertiary health care institutions. The treatment is either free or highly subsidised for the poor and needy.

Besides, the Government of India has approved a National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (NPCDCS) at an estimated outlay of Rs.1230.90 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. The programme focuses on health promotion, capacity building including human resource development, early diagnosis and management of these diseases and integration with the primary health care system. The programme covers 100 districts of 21 States during the remaining period of the 11th Five Year Plan.

(d) & (e): NPCDCS provides for opportunistic screening of persons above the age of 30 years for diabetes & hypertension at the point of primary contact in various health care facilities.