

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

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

- (a) whether the number of people suffering from bone related diseases are increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any demand for a National Programme on Bone Health for the patients suffering from bone related diseases including arthritis and osteoporosis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Though the current trends shows an increase in number of people suffering from bone related diseases in the country, exact statistics are not available.
- (c) to (e) There is no proposal at present to have a separate national programme on bone health. The Arthritis and Osteoporosis cases are diagnosed and treated in hospitals in the health care delivery system at district hospitals and Community Health Centres (CHCs) in addition to Medical Colleges and apex institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh etc. Treatment in the Government hospitals is either free or subsidised.