GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:87 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2011 CASES OF DIABETES Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan

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

- (a) whether cases of diabetes have risen constantly during the recent years and there is high mortality rate attributed to the disease in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor indicating the number of people suffering from various types of diabetes in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for low cost diagnosis and treatment of diabetes in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to start a nationwide screening campaign to tackle the rising cases of diabetes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the manner in which the said campaign is likely to be carried out?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 87 FOR 5TH AUGUST, 2011

- (a) & (b): The exact data regarding number of people suffering from various types of diabetes in the country is not available. The international Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimates the total number of people in India with Diabetes to be around 50.8 million in 2010 which is likely to rise to 87.0 million by 2030. The exact number of deaths due to diabetes is not known. Diabetes could lead to various complications and diseases and the mortality is generally from associated diseases and not from diabetes in particular. Unhealthy lifestyle, physical inactivity and inappropriate diet are the major reasons for increase in diabetes.
- (c) The Government of India has initiated the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in the 100 selected districts in 21 States during 2010-12. The community based strategies include prevention and control of diabetes at various levels viz. CHC, District etc. in the Health care delivery system. Government of India is providing glucometer, strips and lancets and training to ANM and other field workers to screen all persons of the age of 30 years and above and all pregnant women for blood sugar and hypertension.
- (d) & (e): Yes, the Government proposes to expand the screening programme through out the country to tackle rising cases of diabetes with other components of the programme.