

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) report which suggest that about 2.5 million people die from alcohol related diseases every year across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study to ascertain the number of people suffering from alcohol related diseases and deaths occurred therefrom in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of people suffering from alcohol related diseases and died therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes. The Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health of the World Health Organisation (WHO) states that the harmful use of alcohol results in approximately 2.5 million deaths each year.
- (c) & (d) No complete and reliable national statistics are available on alcohol related diseases and death caused there from in India. However, consumption data is available in the findings of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-3) (2007).
- (e) The Government has adopted a three pronged strategy for demand reduction, viz.
 - (i) building awareness on ill effects of alcohol
 - (ii) motivational counselling, treatment and social reintegration of recovered patients.
 - (iii) building an educated cadre of voluntary service providers.