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

- (a) whether the Government spends thousands of crores of rupees under the Universal Immunisation Programme against six diseases;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide screening and treatment of noncommunicable disease like diabetes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to implement the scheme?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a): The Government spent Rs. 571.31 crores in 2010-11 under the Universal Immunization Programme for vaccination against six diseases.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched a National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). For the years 2010-11 & 2011-12, the programme is implemented in 100 Districts of 21 States/UTs. The programme focuses on health promotion and prevention, capacity building including human resources, early diagnosis and management and integration with the primary health care system through Non Communicable Disease (NCD) cells at different levels. The strategy for early diagnosis of non-communicable diseases consists of opportunistic screening of persons of age of 30 years and above at the point of primary contact with any health care facility, be it the Sub-centre, CHC, District hospital or tertiary care hospital. Such screening involves simple clinical examination comprising of relevant questions, easily conducted physical measurements and measurements of blood pressure and blood sugar to identify those individuals who are at a high risk of developing cancer, diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs). District NCD clinic would also screen women of the age group 30-69 years approaching hospital for early detection of cervix cancer and breast cancer.

The unit of NCD clinic at CHC and district hospital would do the diagnosis and management of common NCDs like CVD, diabetes and stroke (out patient as well as in patient). Cardiac care unit at district hospital would manage acute and emergency cases of cardiovascular diseases.

Moreover, a Pilot Project on NCD Risk Factors Surveillance among School children in the age group of 13-15 years is initiated to assess the prevalence of risk factors (tobacco intake, alcohol abuse, physical inactivity, BMI, high blood pressure & blood sugar) among school children in 6 districts of the country.