

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:185  
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2011  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up branches of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the technical and financial support proposed to be provided by the Government for their management alongwith the operational guidelines worked out to run the proposed institutes.
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that the proposed branches of NICD are well equipped to carry out the diagnosis of the newly emerging diseases as also to conduct research in the prevailing communicable diseases;
- (e) whether any proposal has been re-submitted to the Department of Expenditure for setting up of a branch of NICD in Gujarat; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be finalized?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 FOR 12TH AUGUST, 2011

The Government of India has approved a proposal for strengthening and up-gradation of National Center for Disease Control (erstwhile National Institute of Communicable Diseases) for effective response to emerging and re-emerging communicable diseases. Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP), an integral part of NCDC, supports epidemiological and lab-based surveillance of outbreak-prone diseases and rapid response thereto.

Disease surveillance and response activities are monitored and coordinated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and NCDC in close collaboration with disease surveillance units at state and district levels. These decentralized surveillance units function under respective State/UT Governments and have been strengthened by provision of manpower and other resources over the last few years. Further strengthening of NCDC including its regional branches and state and district level surveillance units is an important part of health sector strategy of the Government of India.

No separate proposal has been submitted to the Department of Expenditure, Government of India, for setting up of a branch of NCDC in Gujarat.