

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

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WOMEN MORBIDITY DUE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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

(a) whether the Government has taken into consideration gender specific issues of women morbidity due to communicable diseases during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the affirmative action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) National Public Health Programmes for prevention and control of Communicable Diseases are implemented within the overall framework of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). NRHM provides a platform for provision of Health Care Services access to which is given to all regardless of Socio-economic factors like caste, gender etc. However, some diseases like TB and Leprosy entail stigma and discrimination particularly for women and thereby disproportionately affect their health status. Under the National Programmes for TB and Leprosy efforts are made to specially reach out to women by the involvement of ANMs, ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers and Women Self-help Groups so that women may feel more confident and empowered and come forward for timely diagnosis and complete treatment.