

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the number of diabetic patients is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the total number of diabetic patients in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such patients in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the steps so far taken by the Government to check the rising number of diabetic patients and provide them free/ affordable treatment; and
- (e) the action plan drawn by the Government to check diabetes over the coming years and the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a): Yes. As per the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) the total number of people in India with Diabetes to be around 50.8 million in 2010, rising to 87.0 million by 2030.

(b) & (c): No recent study / survey has been undertaken by Government of India to find out the number of diabetic patients in the country.

(d): The Government of India has initiated a National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in 100 selected districts in 21 States with the objective of prevention and control of NCDs including diabetes through opportunistic screening of all persons above 30 years of age and all pregnant women. Under this programme, 60.82 lakh people have been screened for diabetes out of which 4.50 lakh people are suspected to be diabetic.

The treatment of patients is either free or at a subsidised in the healthcare delivery system.

(e): It has been proposed to expand the programme to all the 640 Districts across the entire country in a phased manner with a tentative expenditure of Rs.5895.95 crore for the 12th Plan Period. The action plan drawn by the Government to check diabetes in the country includes:-

(i) Generation of awareness about Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (DCS) & Health in the community through Inter Personal Communication, education, mass media etc.

(ii) Up-gradation of District Hospitals by establishing / strengthening the Cardiac Care Units.

(iii) Establishing & strengthening the Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres & Sub-Centres for screening of Diabetes

(iv) Strengthen Government Medical colleges all over the country to provide specialized tertiary care facilities in NCDs