

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

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NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people are suffering from Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/ proposed any measures to educate the public on the ill effects of NAFLD;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to control the increasing number of cases of NAFLD?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) is emerging as an important cause of liver disease in India. Epidemiological studies suggest prevalence of NAFLD in around 9-32% of general population in India with higher prevalence in those with overweight or obesity and those with diabetes or prediabetes.

(c) to (e): The Government of India has initiated the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) with the aim to prevent & control the risk factors of NCDs through behaviour and life style changes. Besides, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has set up a Task Force project to address various aspects of NAFLD.