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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the new report released by the World Health Organisation (WHO) which states that one in every ten Indians suffers from diabetes;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard along with the estimated number of diabetic patients in the country;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed by the Government to arrest the rising menace of diabetes and set up affordable screening and treatment facilities for the same;
- (d) whether India has signed an agreement with the United States (USA) on collaboration in diabetes research; and
- (e) if so, the details along with the salient features of the agreement and the manner in which the said agreement is likely to improve the health services for diabetic patients in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes. The Government is aware of the report that one in every ten adults in India suffers from diabetes according to a new World Health Organisation report, 2012.

(b): The exact data regarding diabetes in the country is not known. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimates the total number of people in India with Diabetes to be around 50.8 million in 2010, rising to 87.0 million by 2030.

(c): Government has launched the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in 11th Five Year Plan. The programme provides for opportunistic screening of persons above the age of 30 years for diabetes & hypertension in various health care facilities viz. District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Sub-Centres. The programme has been launched in 100 identified Districts in 21 States. Diabetes patients are treated in the healthcare delivery system up to District Hospitals and CHCs besides Medical Colleges and tertiary health care institutions. The treatment is either free or highly subsidised for the poor and needy.

(d) & (e): In June 2012, Government of India and United States (USA) signed a Joint Statement of Collaboration in Diabetes Research to foster collaborative efforts that could lead to advances in science and technology important to understanding, preventing and treating diabetes and its complications.

The main purpose of this Joint Statement is to initiate the health research relationship between two countries to generate a better understanding of the molecular and biological mechanisms underlying diabetes, to characterize the genetic, social and environmental determinants and to identify innovative approaches for improving prevention and treatment of diabetes. Joint efforts may also focus on developing cost-effective tools and approaches to translate research results into policies and actions to improve the public health.