

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

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ALZHEIMER S AND RELATED DISORDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Alzheimer`s, dementia and related disorder patients in the country, especially elders, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of a study conducted by the Alzheimer`s and Related Disorder Society of India (ARDSI) according to which the total number of patients from these disorders are likely to double in the next two decades and just the cost of caring is likely to triple to more than Rs. 40,000 crores during the same period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the Government`s reaction thereto; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to assist early detection of Alzheimer and related disorders amongst the patients across the country along with the achievement made in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Health being a state subject, the State-wise details about number of patients suffering from Alzheimer, Dementia and related disorders in the country especially in the elders, are not maintained centrally.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has included Dementia in the proposal for prevention and control of non-communicable diseases during the 12th Five Year Plan.
- (d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the National Mental Health Programme for management of mental disorders which include treatment for behavioural and psychological symptoms of Alzheimer's and related disorders.