

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

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

- (a) whether as per certain reports, there is high prevalence of poverty-related diseases and attributable deaths in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed by the Government to check incidents of deaths due to poverty-related diseases and to promote medical research in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) to (e): Poverty and health are associated. Poverty results in lack of access to proper nutrition, sanitation, drinking-water and other social determinants of health thereby leading to disease which may cause morbidity and mortality.

Health is a state subject. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments for providing health care facilities. The National disease control programmes such as Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) and National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) among others are being implemented and all services under these programmes are provided free of cost to patients.