

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3655  
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CHRONIC DISEASES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large percentage of country's workforce is suffering from various chronic and lifestyle diseases which is causing a heavy loss to the economy as per the report of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI S. GANDHI SELVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, As per a survey based study "Corporate Workforce: chronic and Life Style Diseases" of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), a large percentage of the country's workforce in different sectors are suffering from various chronic and life styls diseases including spondylisis, depression, obesity, sleeping disorder, high B.P., headache, fatigueness and diabetes.

(c): The Ministry is proposing a National Control Programme on Cardio Vascular Diseases, Diabetes and Strokes during 11th Five Year Plan.